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Above: A woman loads a bag of chick peas onto the shoulders of a young helper at the camp for displaced people in Khazir, Iraq, about 20 miles east of Mosul, on Monday. Roughly 1,300 families forced to flee fighting in and around Mosul have settled into the camp in recent weeks. Right: Caleb Drown went from serving as a Marine to relief and development work after noticing a gap between the U.S. military and the populations it seeks to protect.

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At \$800K a round, USS Zumwalt shells too pricey to fire



The USS Zumwalt is a wonder of nautical engineering, but the ship's gun system is not nearly as cost-effective as previously believed.

Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

By BEN GUARINO
The Washington Post

Modern warfare is not cheap. Even among the priciest and most cutting-edge battle machines, though, the USS Zumwalt is in a class apart. The warship is the most expensive destroyer in the history of the Navy, costing about \$4.4 billion.

Along with the hefty price tag comes a marvel of nautical engineering. During its October commissioning ceremony in Baltimore, The Associated Press

reported that Adm. Harry Harris, commander of the United States Pacific Command, described the Zumwalt as the warship Batman would own.

Even a billionaire playboy like Bruce Wayne would struggle to finance the ship's guns, reportedly to fire ammunition costing \$800,000 a round.

The ship is 610 feet long but has the radar signature of a fishing vessel a twelfth of its size, thanks to a unique angular hull that obscures its guns, radar systems and sensors from detection. It

treads quietly through the water. "The composite superstructure significantly reduces cross section and acoustic output making the ship harder to detect by enemies at sea," according to the Navy's description.

"As long as our president and you the American people have an insatiable appetite for security ... I have an insatiable appetite for the stuff to underwrite that security," Harris said in October.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I think every diver wants to find a pot of gold. But you never expect to see this or something like this."

— Canadian diver Sean Smyrichinsky, who may have found a missing Mark IV nuclear bomb off the north coast of British Columbia while on a diving expedition

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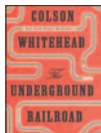
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MILITARY

\$58B spent on DOD weaponry programs ultimately canceled

By TONY CAPACCIO
Bloomberg

The Pentagon has canceled 22 programs in advanced development after spending a combined \$58.3 billion on them since 2002, according to the Defense Department's latest assessment of its acquisition performance.

Among the weapons scrapped were Boeing's ground-based vehicle network for the Army, a Northrop Grumman minisubmarine for Navy SEALs and a chopper from Textron's Bell Helicopter unit. The tally published this week is the latest edition of a yearly report measuring the effectiveness of the process for spending billions of dollars annually to develop and build new weapons and outlining improvements. The updated list of canceled projects represents 17 percent of the 136 major weapons in advanced development for which the military had set cost, schedule and performance milestones from 1997 to 2015.

The individual cancellations all had been announced previously. The most recent was the Navy's decision this year to kill Lockheed Martin's underwater drive, which was supposed to hunt down mines for the service's littoral combat ship. It was scrapped as unreliable even after the Navy spent \$700 million, 44 percent more than its original development budget, according to the report.

Before that, the most recent cancellations were in 2012. The report, directed by Frank Kendall, the Defense Department's undersecretary for acquisition, said that reflects improvements in crafting requirements for weapon systems upfront, more realistic assessments of costs before an initial contract is awarded and tighter financial incentives to control costs.

Among the earlier cancellations was the Future Combat System developed jointly by Boeing and Science Applications International Corp. and canceled by Defense

Secretary Robert Gates in April 2009. The FCS — a network of wireless, on-the-move communications, drones and sensors — accounted for 35 percent of the \$58.3 billion. The RAH-66 Comanche helicopter, developed jointly by Boeing and Sikorsky Aircraft and canceled by the Army in 2004, accounted for an additional 17 percent.

The research and development costs of the canceled programs represent about 3.4 percent of the \$1.7 trillion budgeted in those years for developing the 136 programs and an additional 25 active programs in preliminary development, Mark Wright, Kendall's spokesman, said in an email.

"It's also worth noting that sometimes the results and insights from the sunk costs on canceled programs are used on other related programs," Wright said.

The \$58.3 billion "isn't much spread over a 20-year period," Loren Thompson, a defense industry consultant at the Lexington Institute in Arlington, Va., said in an email. "Program cancellations arise from many causes, including changing threats and the appearance of new technologies. Also, programs sometimes get killed because rigorous testing reveals unexpected flaws."

The \$58.3 billion "is still a lot," said Mark Cancian, a defense budget analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and a former examiner of weapons costs for the Office of Management and Budget. Asked if a 17 percent cancellation rate indicated a poorly functioning Pentagon acquisition system, Cancian said, "Yes and no. Several programs went ahead with unready technologies," with the Future Combat System "being the most egregious example."

But decision-makers knew they were accepting risk and not following best practices," he said. "There's not much a system improvement can do in that case. We know what best practices are, we just don't always follow them."



MICHAEL DWYER/AP

The USS Zumwalt sits at dock at the naval station in Newport, R.I., in September. It's the most expensive destroyer built for the Navy.

Ammo: Projectiles initially estimated to cost \$50K each

FROM FRONT PAGE

Zumwalt-class ships were also meant to carry advanced, high-energy weapons. Specifically, the USS Zumwalt was designed to bear two guns that fired Long Range Land Attack Projectiles, or LRLAP. The advanced gun system was built to rapidly and precisely strike targets more than 70 miles away as a cost-effective alternative to cruise missiles. As developer Lockheed Martin described the system on its website:

"The 155 mm LRLAP is both the most accurate and longest-range guided projectile in U.S. Navy history, with a maximum range in excess of 63 nautical miles. It's (sic) precision and near vertical angle of fall enables the Warfighter to defeat targets in the urban canyons of coastal cities with minimal collateral damage."

"The LRLAP system provides high-volume fire support at a rate of 10 rounds per minute through the depth of the magazine."

The tests of the weapon showed promise. But just a few weeks after the Zumwalt's commissioning ceremony, it became apparent there was a problem with LRLAP: The \$800,000 price tag on a single shot of the GPS-guided, rocket-propelled ammunition.

"We were going to buy thousands

of these rounds," an unnamed Navy official said to Defense News on Sunday. "But quantities of ships killed the affordable round." Fully stocked, the ship would carry 600 rounds of LRLAP ammunition.

Lockheed Martin initially estimated that the projectiles would cost about \$50,000 each. As Ars Technica noted, the current \$800,000 price tag is closer to that of a \$1 million-per-shot Tomahawk cruise missile, which is capable of carrying a nuclear warhead and traveling more than 1,000 miles. The LRLAP costs an order of magnitude more than other GPS- or laser-guided rounds and far more than the shells fired by standard 5-inch artillery guns.

The Navy was unable to immediately respond to a request for comment from The Washington Post. A naval representative told Defense News via email that the Navy was "evaluating industry projectile solutions" that "could potentially be used as an alternative to LRLAP."

The Navy's initial plan when it began developing the warships was to build 32 of the Zumwalt-class vessels. As the cost ballooned, the program shrunk from 24 ships to seven and, ultimately, the current plan of three ships. Of those, the USS Zumwalt is the only completed ship.

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MILITARY

Foul play ruled out in 2015 explosion at Sagami Depot

By LEON COOK
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — A faulty valve or leaking gasket on an oxygen tank likely caused a warehouse explosion at an Army base near Tokyo last year, investigators say.

A report released last week by Army officials who looked into the August 2015 blaze at Sagami Depot said investigators couldn't pin down a firm cause for the incident, said a statement from Sagamihara city, which received a copy of the report.

However, investigators ruled out arson or intentional destruction due to security measures at the installation, home of the 35th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, the statement said.

It's possible that oxygen leaking from a defective tank vibrated its valve, causing a spark that ignited material such as dust in the warehouse and heated other tanks, which exploded one after another, the statement said.

The 12:45 a.m. explosion produced fireballs and streaking flames visible far from the depot in Sagamihara city, which is 34

miles from Tokyo Station. The fire smoldered for more than six hours before dying out, Army and Japanese fire officials said.

Officials had thought the warehouse contained Freon and nitrogen, but that turned out not to be the case.

The fire was allowed to burn out on its own because firefighters couldn't be sure of the building's contents and whether it would be safe to use water on the blaze.

Records listing the contents of warehouses at the depot have been updated, the statement said. Since the explosion, the Army removed all oxygen tanks from the depot.

The facility eventually will store oxygen again, but the number of tanks will be reduced, the statement said. Base personnel will conduct regular checks to prevent a recurrence.

Sagamihara Mayor Toshio Kayama said in a statement that it is regrettable the investigation took so long and that a firm cause of the fire wasn't identified.

He requested the U.S. military take preventive measures to prevent future incidents.

Stripes staffer Hana Kusumoto contributed to this report.



JAMES KIMBER/Stars and Stripes

A storage facility at the Army's Sagami Depot outside Tokyo is shown after an explosion on the morning of Aug. 24, 2015. Officials concluded that a faulty valve or gasket on an oxygen tank stored in the facility was the most likely cause of the incident.



JACOB A. McDONALD/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

A container full of ammunition is offloaded from the U.S. Naval Ship Lance Cpl. Roy M. Wheat on Oct. 29 at Nordenham, Germany. More than 600 containers of mixed munitions arrived at the port and were moved to Miesau for storage and distribution throughout Europe.

Largest ammo shipment in 20 years arrives in Germany

By JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — The Army has completed its largest ammunition delivery to Europe in more than two decades. It was the second delivery of a massive stockpile of ammunition and weaponry to Europe in less than a year.

More than 600 shipping containers, providing supplies for both the Army and Air Force, arrived at Germany's port in Nordenham Oct. 29 before being sent on to a depot in Miesau and other locations in Europe.

"This is about deterrence," U.S. Army Europe commander Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges said in an Army news release. "We could have 1,000 tanks over here, but if we didn't have the ammunition for them they would not have any deterrent effect. It's another example of the commitment of the United States to security and stability in Europe."

The delivery comes as the military builds up in Europe, where a U.S.-based tank brigade is scheduled to deploy in early 2017. The Fort Carson-based 3rd Armored Brigade, 4th Infantry Division will arrive in Germany in January and be dispatched to Poland and other positions up and down NATO's eastern flank. In addition, an Army combat air brigade from the 10th Mountain Division will rotate through Europe next year, with helicopter units spread across Poland and the Baltics.

The moves are part of the \$3.4 billion European

Reassurance Initiative, which aims to showcase solidarity with NATO allies in Europe's east as well as send a signal of deterrence to Russia.

Ammunition stocks in Europe left over from the Cold War were reported to have been seriously depleted by the conflicts in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kosovo, Libya and Syria.

The current surge in ammunition coincides with an uptick in training exercises and large-scale war games that the Army has been conducting in support of the Atlantic Resolve operation, launched in the wake of Russia's 2014 intervention in Ukraine.

In February, the Army completed what was its largest ammunition shipment in more than 10 years when it sent 415 shipping containers — more than 5,000 tons — of ammo to Germany. The latest delivery involved 620 containers.

The delivery grabbed headlines in Russian media.

"We continue to build up the presence in Europe. This will help with reassuring our allies, along with the common defense of Europe if needed," Lt. Col. Brad Culligan, commander, 838th Transportation Battalion, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, said in the news release.

"It's the ultimate theater sustainment," Culligan added. "We're bringing ammunition into the theater to resupply and set the stage for the European theater for any type of exercises or potential future missions that may come about."

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New minimall for servicemembers opens at Camp Humphreys

By KIM GAMEL
Stars and Stripes

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — A new \$6.2 million minimall for servicemembers relocating to an expanded Camp Humphreys opened Tuesday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service facility includes fast-food restaurants, a barber shop, dry cleaning and a retail store — all across the street from a new troop barracks at the U.S. Army garrison 55 miles south of Seoul.

That means soldiers won't have

to depend on a bus ride to get to the central food court and commissary that previously had to serve the whole post.

The opening marked a small but welcome measure of progress in the much-delayed expansion of the rural garrison, which is expected to see its population of troops, dependents and civilian employees swell to more than 40,000 in coming years.

Soldiers attending the ceremony welcomed the minimall, saying it will save them time and help alleviate long lines and crowding that had plagued other Exchange facilities. The complex also is near

a chapel, theater and gym.

"I'm here with my family so a place like this makes a lot of difference," said Spc. Thomas Philip, 46, of the Fort Hood, Texas-based 4th Aerial Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment.

The 124-seat dining room has a Taco Bell, a Subway and a Starbucks, but the Starbucks hasn't opened yet. There's also a dry cleaner, an eight-chair barber shop and a grocery store that also sells other items.

Construction on the nearly 24,000-square-foot minimall began on April 13, 2013, with the South Korean government paying

\$4.4 million and the Exchange paying \$1.8 million. The South Korean government is funding most of the \$10.7 billion overall expansion project.

"The complex is the first exchange support facility that's opening in support of units transitioning to Humphreys," said Maj. Gen. James Walton, U.S. Forces Korea's director of transformation and restationing.

Karin Duncan, the AAFES senior vice president for the overseas region, said four more facilities will open late next year, including a 300,000-square-foot post exchange.

The bulk of USFK was supposed to relocate from Seoul to Humphreys in 2008, then 2012, 2016 and 2017. Military officials are now reluctant to talk about specific dates but are touting clear progress as facilities open and major units begin to move from areas closer to the border with North Korea.

The U.S. has about 28,500 servicemembers in South Korea, which remains technically at war with the North after the 1950-53 conflict ended in an armistice instead of a peace treaty.

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MILITARY

Guidance issued for sailors seeking gender transition

By WYATT OLSON
Stars and Stripes

The Navy on Monday issued preliminary guidance for issues arising from sailors seeking gender transition, noting that no changes will be made to the service's physical readiness program for those individuals.

As of Oct. 1, transgender sailors could begin the process to officially change their gender in the Navy's personnel administrative systems.

Beginning July 1, 2017, transgender applicants will be allowed to join the U.S. military.

The policy change affects only active-duty and reserve Navy personnel.

"To remain the finest seagoing fighting force the world has ever known, the Navy needs men and women who are the right fit for the right job regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, creed, or gender identity," a Navy statement said.

"If the individual can meet the Navy's standards, they should be afforded the opportunity to serve."

Sailors seeking to transition must receive a diagnosis from a military medical provider

indicating that gender transition is medically necessary and develop a transition plan, approved by the commanding officer, the Navy said.

The transition plan must include a sailor's medical treatment plan and take into consideration both the desires of the individual and "the operational requirements of the command," the Navy said.

The Navy has determined that certain policies will need to be changed as a result of the new transgender policy.

Among the changes will be "modesty policies" that will allow increased privacy in berths, showers and toilets; "adjustment to the language" in the urinalysis program; and adding gender identity to the military equal opportunity policy.

Commanding officers, however, are prohibited from creating separate head and shower facilities or living quarters for transgender personnel, the Navy said.

Some policies will not change as a result.

"After careful review of the physical readiness program, it was determined that no change was needed to the current policy and that standards remain the same for all sailors," the Navy said

in a blog post.

There will also be no changes to standards of personal and professional conduct, the Navy said.

The Navy's Bureau of Medicine is studying the effects of medical treatments associated with gender transition in regard to operating vehicles and aircraft.

As a result, sailors undergoing medical transition will be restricted from flying and driving, the Navy said.

The Navy statement also said there might be "impacts" for transitioning sailors who are serving in the so-called Personnel Reliability Program, in which individuals have access to nuclear, chemical or biological weapons. The statement did not provide further explanation on how transition could affect sailors in this program.

Training for commands regarding the new policy begins this month.

Training for all active-duty sailors is to be completed no later than Jan. 31 and for reserve sailors by April 30.

The Navy has directed sailors with questions about the policy to call 855-628-9311 or email navy311@navy.mil.

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beyond pilots.

"When I talk to the troops, I come away with the conviction that the Air Force is facing retention issues across the board and in all segments of the total force," he said.

Goldfein told senators at his confirmation hearing last summer that there are plans to add 4,000 airmen to the 317,800 on active duty to "right the force." The Air Force hopes to have 321,000 airmen, possibly within a year, but much will depend on funding.

In his State of the Air Force briefing, Goldfein echoed Deborah Lee James, the service's top civilian, in saying Congress had to jettison the sequester's constraints on the military or "we will be unable to execute the defense strategic guidance and perform these missions to the level the nation requires."

AF survey: Not enough people to do job

By SIG CHRISTENSON
San Antonio Express-News

A new Air Force "climate survey" suggests that years of Pentagon downsizing and cuts driven by the congressional budget sequester have taken a toll on its military and civilian workers — an issue the service's leaders have raised repeatedly.

Only 63 percent of officers and enlistees, both active-duty and reserve, think they have enough people on their teams to do the job, according to the survey, copies of which were released to the San Antonio Express-News and Air Force Times.

They also were asked if they agreed with the statement, "I have enough time to accomplish my daily workload during my duty hours." A little over 60 percent of officers agreed, while roughly 75 percent of enlisted airmen and civilian workers were generally upbeat.

The 2015 Air Force Total Climate Survey asked 132,000 active-duty and reserve airmen and civilian workers last spring about issues ranging from performance and supervisor support to satisfaction with the service. With some exceptions, airmen and civilian workers were generally upbeat.

Eighty-five percent rated their unit's performance as high, compared with 88 percent in 2012, the last time the survey was taken. More than eight in 10 felt strongly supported by immediate supervisors and senior unit leaders, and

the same percentage expressed satisfaction. Those numbers were similar to or slightly better than in 2012.

The response about having enough people on teams to do the job was among the lowest-scoring on that question in the history of the survey, and its drop from 65 percent in 2012 could be attributed to the budget sequester, the Air Force Personnel Center said.

It noted that the sequester triggered a cut in flying hours and in training and readiness in the major and combat commands.

The nation's overseas commitments are another big complication. Gen. David Goldfein, Air Force chief of staff, has warned that the force is under intense stress as wars rage on in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. Airmen are constantly rotating from war zones and overseas deployments to home, where the pace rarely slackens, he said in a State of the Air Force briefing last summer.

He referred to "the busiest Air Force that I have certainly ever seen in my 35 years of working on defense matters, but they are doing it."

The Air Force has tried to slow the loss of drone pilots with five-year, \$35,000 re-enlistment bonuses to retain veteran fighter pilots. But one former Air Force chief of staff, retired Gen. Ronald Fogleman, said in a recent interview that the problem goes well



Courtesy of Joint Light Tactical Vehicles

Soldiers and Marines participated in a training exercise in which they tested the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Army begins testing new combat vehicle

By IAN DUNCAN
The Baltimore Sun

The cab of the military truck still had that new-car smell.

The Army, working on the successor to the long-serving Humvee to carry troops to fight around the world, is testing the new Joint Light Tactical Vehicle at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.

Col. Morris Bodrick, commander of the Aberdeen Test Center, said Monday the JLTV will be tested for performance and reliability over the next year on the 50-odd miles of test track that wind around the Army installation in Harford County.

The Humvee became an icon of the 1991 Persian Gulf War, but it proved vulnerable in Afghanistan and Iraq to roadside bombs. Efforts to improve the vehicle's armor — adding metal plates to protect the troops inside — left it over-burdened. So in the midst of the conflicts, the Army rushed to field a heavier bomb-resistant truck while also planning for the Humvee's ultimate replacement.

Several companies competed to build the trucks; the different versions were also tested at Aberdeen. Wisconsin-based Oshkosh beat Lockheed Martin and AM General, which makes the Humvee, for the \$6.7 billion contract to build the first group.

A formal protest by Lockheed set the program back, but Oshkosh turned over seven JLTVs to the Army and Marine Corps in late September and delivered another 10 in October. The team at Aberdeen Proving Ground

has five of the vehicles; others are going to be put through their paces at facilities in Arizona and Alaska.

The Army and Marines plan to buy some 55,000 JLTVs over the next two decades. The testing data gathered at Aberdeen and the other facilities will help the military make decisions about the future of the program.

Several versions of the new truck are planned. The one on show at Aberdeen Proving Ground on Monday was a two-door model that will likely serve as a transport vehicle. Others will carry weapons systems, including missiles that could be used to take on tanks or destroy bunkers.

The JLTV's top speed of about 70 mph will let troops quickly close on enemies, and its advanced suspension system means it can travel across very rough terrain.

Maj. Jason McPhee said the designers of the new truck aimed to take lessons from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Oshkosh had already tested out some of the concepts on the armored Mine Resistant Ambush Protected All Terrain Vehicle. Those large trucks provided troops with good protection from bomb blasts, McPhee said, but couldn't be easily transported by helicopter or on amphibious landing ships.

Humvees, meanwhile, struggled under the weight of the extra armor loaded onto them.

The JLTV is designed to find the sweet spot.

"It's going to try to find the perfect balance of performance, protection and payload," McPhee said.

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MILITARY

Clinton wins mock election at Aviano

By KENT HARRIS
Stars and Stripes

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — If the students at Aviano Middle School and Aviano High School had their say, the United States would be electing its first female president.

The Democratic ticket of Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine earned 78 of the 180 votes cast in a mock election Tuesday, with the Republican tandem of Donald Trump and Mike Pence tallying 56.

Of course, the vast majority of students attending the schools on Aviano Air Base don't have a say in the process. Tuesday's vote was about the process itself.

Students had been following the campaign and learning about the U.S. political system in both schools. They had a chance to register to vote in the mock election for three days during lunch and were given links to the candidates' websites.

More than 200 registered, according to Kathleen McNeil, who teaches a current events class at the middle school. A handful of her students served as election monitors, checking voter registration cards, directing prospective voters to the booths and then handing out "I voted today" stickers and a piece of candy to those who cast ballots.

"I think this is worth a million dollars here today," said teacher Elizabeth Baldwin, indicating her own sticker and the excitement that the process was generating among the students.

Teachers weren't allowed to vote in the school election, though



PHOTOS BY KENT HARRIS/Stars and Stripes

Ariel Agunobi, right, an election monitor, offers a fist bump to Anisa Macias after she voted Tuesday in a mock election at Aviano Middle School in Italy.

those who cast absentee ballots sported the stickers. But students from 6th to 12th grades lined up during a single class period in the afternoon and stepped behind booths to anonymously click on their presidential choice via several computers. The setup was simple: Click for president, click on grade and click on gender.

Clinton's advantage was greater at the middle school level, where she received 48 votes to Trump's 30. Libertarian Gary Johnson tallied 16 and Green Party candidate Jill Stein 12 votes.

Seventh-grader Venezia Padilla is a strong Trump supporter. She said she particularly liked his stance on illegal immigration, "which is causing problems in our country."

Classmate Kayla Lyle also voted for Trump, though she sounded less enthusiastic. "I would have voted for one of the two other candidates (other than Clinton), but I didn't think they had a chance of winning," she said.

Jacob Nothstein designed the registration cards and he picked Clinton. "I really don't like Donald Trump," he said.

Senior Deranique Jones, the high school student body presi-



Election monitor Austin Peyton punches a hole in a voting registration card Tuesday.

dent, is one of a handful of students old enough to vote in the real election. She demonstrated some of her political savvy while declining to answer who she voted for in either election.

She said she thought that while younger students would be

more likely to echo their parents' thoughts, older ones might not.

"We definitely have our own convictions. The seniors are graduating and getting ready to go out into the real world. So this election is definitely going to affect us."

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Lawsuit: Army is violating settlement on cultural sites

Associated Press

HONOLULU — The U.S. Army is violating a court settlement by restricting access to cultural sites in a valley many Native Hawaiians consider sacred, a lawsuit filed Monday alleges.

Attorneys for environmental law organization Earthjustice filed the lawsuit in federal court in Honolulu on behalf of Malama Makua, a Native Hawaiian cultural group. It's the latest action in a long-running legal dispute over Makua Valley, the site of decades of military training.

A 2001 settlement allows Malama Makua to access sacred sites twice a month, but the Army suddenly imposed a "blanket ban" in 2014 when it claimed it first needed to obtain clearance from historic preservations to cut grass on trails leading to cultural sites so that any unexploded ordnance could be avoided, the lawsuit said.

In September 2015, the Army obtained a grass-cutting agreement but said it then needed to investigate an accident that injured two contractors. The contractors were cutting grass for military training in April 2015 when unexploded ordnance exploded.

The Army partially lifted the ban in November 2015 and allowed access to a few locations including a paved parking area, a pavilion and ahu, or altars the community erected to celebrate the Makahiki season, said David Henkin, an Earthjustice attorney. While important to cultural practitioners, the areas are not cultural sites, he said, and the Army continues to block access to other sites.

U.S. Army Hawaii spokesman Dennis Drake said officials won't comment on pending litigation.

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WAR ON TERRORISM

Iraqi forces investigate mass grave

By BRIAN ROHAN
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi investigators were probing a mass grave on Tuesday discovered by troops advancing on the Islamic State-held city of Mosul, where soldiers captured a sliver of land but later halted their advance.

It appeared to be the latest of several mass graves found in territory retaken from the Islamic State group, which massacred hundreds of people as it swept across northern and central Iraq in 2014 and is believed to have waged a brutal crackdown since the start of the Mosul offensive.

Associated Press footage from the site shows bones and decomposed bodies among scraps of clothing and plastic bags dug out of the ground by a bulldozer after Iraqi troops noticed a strong smell while advancing into the town of Hamam al-Alil on Monday.

"Investigators flew in this morning and are on their way to the grave to conduct examinations and determine the cause of death," said Haider Majeed, a Cabinet official in charge of mass grave investigations.

The first officials at the site said the grave, behind an earthen embankment near an agricultural college, likely holds about 100 bodies, many of them decapitated. The town lies some 19 miles from Mosul.

It was unclear who the victims were, but a soldier at the site pulled a child's stuffed animal from the scraps of clothing and rotting flesh, swarming with flies.

In Geneva, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights said it was investigating whether the discovery at Hamam al-Alil was connected to reports about the alleged killing of police officers in the same area.

"We had reports that 50 former Iraqi police officers had been killed in a building outside Mosul,"



An Iraqi federal police officer holds a stuffed toy at the site of a mass grave in Hamam al-Alil, Iraq.

spokeswoman Ravina Shamdassani said. "This building was actually the same agricultural facility, agricultural college, that has been cited right now as the site of these mass graves."

She said the U.N. had received reports alleging that the Islamic State group last week abducted at least 295 former security forces personnel from villages around the northwestern town of Tal Afar, as well as the western Mawlay village area. The men's fate is currently unknown.

Some 30 sheikhs were also reportedly taken from the Sinjar district, with one report saying that more than half of them were killed. The Islamic State group allegedly forcibly moved about 1,500 families to Mosul airport from Hamam al-Alil, Shamdassani added.

The campaign to drive Islamic State fighters from Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city and the extremists' last major urban stronghold in the country, began Oct. 17.

Iraqi troops and Kurdish peshmga forces are now converging

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on Mosul, although the deepest advance into an eastern sliver of the city has stalled after militants counterattacked from built-up, populated areas.

To the northeast, some 8 miles from the city, the peshmga continued their push on the town of Bashiqa, believed to be largely deserted except for dozens of Islamic State fighters.

Mortar fire, automatic weapons and explosions rang out through the morning as a thick plume of smoke hung over parts of the town, obscuring the view of aircraft.

The United Nations says more than 34,000 people have been displaced from Mosul, with about three-quarters settled in camps

and the rest in host communities.

In a report issued overnight, the U.N. human rights office said food, water and medicine have been distributed to more than 41,000 displaced people and vulnerable residents fleeing the fighting.

Since the battle for Mosul reached the city itself on Friday, some 11,000 people have fled eastward, while some electricity and water supplies have been cut in eastern neighborhoods.

In Baghdad, meanwhile, small-scale bombings killed at least eight people and wounded 28 others, according to police and medical officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to brief reporters.

Kurds in Raqqa worries Turkey

By SUZAN FRASER
AND SARAH EL DEEB
Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkey said Tuesday that Washington has promised that U.S.-backed Syrian Kurdish forces will be involved only in encircling the Islamic State stronghold of Raqqa and will not enter the city itself.

But a top Kurdish official said the Kurdish-led forces that launched an offensive earlier this week will enter the northern Syrian city, which serves as the de facto capital of the extremists' self-styled caliphate.

The U.S.-backed Syria Democratic Forces, which include Arab and Turkmen fighters, have driven the Islamic State group from large swaths of territory, but Turkey views the Syrian Kurds who dominate the group as an extension of the Kurdish insurgency targeting Turkey's southeast.

Raqqa has sent its own forces into Syria to back Syrian opposition fighters, and it has suggested that they should lead the offensive to retake Raqqa. The Turkey-backed forces, now pushing toward the Islamic stronghold of al-Bab, have clashed with the militants as well as the SDF.

The SDF has made some gains since the Raqqa offensive began Sunday, taking over nearly a dozen villages. Ilham Ahmed, a senior official in the political arm of the SDF, said the same forces leading the offensive will enter Raqqa to drive the Islamic State group out.

"The campaign will continue to be in that form until it enters the city," Ahmed told The Associated Press. She said the Kurdish-led SDF as the main force on the ground, is best placed to decide what forces are needed to liberate the city.

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu told reporters that he hoped the U.S. would keep its promise to rein in the Kurdish forces. But Dunford, said Turkish officials during a recent visit that the Syrian Kurdish fighters would have a role only in encircling Raqqa and would not enter the city.

Cavusoglu said the U.S. chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Joseph Dunford, told Turkish officials during a recent visit that the Syrian Kurdish fighters would have a role only in encircling Raqqa and would not enter the city.

"We hope that this will be the case, and we expect that our partners keep their promises," Cavusoglu said.

Pentagon still deciding whether US troops will enter Mosul

By COREY DICKSTEIN
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon will likely have to decide in the coming days whether American troops will enter Mosul as Iraqi forces near the Islamic State-held city from the south and push into its eastern-most neighborhoods.

"We've had forces provide advice and assistance and in some cases accompany Iraqi security forces, Kurdish peshmga and [Counter Terrorism Service troops] up to this point," Pentagon press secretary Peter Cook told reporters Monday at the Pentagon.

"And a decision going forward as to how much farther [American troops] go will be something determined by commanders

working with the Iraqis," he said.

The vast majority of the nearly 5,000 American troops serving in Iraq remain on bases far from Mosul, where they are training Iraqi forces. But the United States has the authority to embed military troops within Iraqi and peshmga battalions and brigades.

Iraqi forces have pushed into neighborhoods in eastern Mosul without the American advisers who accompanied them through the early weeks of the campaign to retake the militant group's last stronghold in the country, according to the Pentagon.

Iraq's elite Counter Terrorism Service troops first entered Iraq's second-largest city Friday, and conventional Iraqi security forces have followed in recent days. They've already found an intense, urban fight against the

terrorist group. So far, U.S. troops have remained outside the city limits, Cook said Monday.

But the Pentagon remains open to American troops entering the city to support Iraqi forces on the ground if Iraq's government approves it and the top U.S. commander in Iraq, Army Lt. Gen. Stephen Townsend, deems it necessary, Cook said.

Stars and Stripes reporters have observed U.S. troops near the front lines south of Mosul, including with the Counter Terrorism Service forces that have spearheaded the push toward the city.

U.S. troops are mostly embedded with headquarters units that move forward behind the front line of fighting. U.S. officials have said the American troops are not there in a combat role. Their job

is to provide on-the-spot tactical advice and intelligence assessments and to coordinate coalition airstrikes and close-air support for the Iraqi forces.

Cook said Iraqi troops cleared the last major village south of the city, Hamam al-Alil, on Monday, pushing within about 15 miles of Mosul along the Tigris River.

The operation has already proven deadly for Iraqi and American troops. The Iraqi government has not released casualty data for the operation, but local news reports estimate hundreds of anti-Islamic State troops have been killed or injured.

One American servicemember, Navy Chief Petty Officer Jason C. Finay, was killed by a roadside bomb on Oct. 19.

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WAR ON TERRORISM

Double duty

Marine veteran now fulfilled by humanitarian work in Iraq

By CHAD GARLAND
Stars and Stripes

HASSAN SHAM, Iraq — In a war zone, there are two armies: the one doing the fighting and the one aiding fleeing civilians. Caleb Drown has served in both in Iraq, first as a Marine and now as an aid worker.

On Monday, he was overseeing food distribution at a camp for some of the nearly 40,000 Iraqis forced from their homes by the sometimes fierce fighting to stop Islamic State militants from Mosul.

Drown, 33, from Melrose Park, Ill., is deputy country director for Samaritan's Purse, a Christian aid organization working in Iraq. Since the 9/11 attacks on the United States, Drown had been looking for a way to make a difference.

After finishing emergency medical technician training and half a bachelor's degree, he joined the Marine Corps in 2004. He deployed to Iraq's Anbar province with II Marine Expeditionary Force in 2006.

"I thought I was going to save the world with an M-16," Drown said Monday while working at the camp.

It was during that deployment that he realized there was a divide between the military and the civilian population the Marines were working to protect.

"I just saw the need for there to be some (humanitarian) surge to fill the gap," he said, referring to the surge of U.S. troops in Iraq in 2007.

Now he is a member of that other army helping those fleeing the Iraqi offensive against the Islamic State group in and around Mosul.

At the Khazir camp near Hassan Sham, about 20 miles west of Mosul, there were about 1,300 families as of Sunday. Another 811 were registered at a second camp nearby, which officials believe will soon reach its capacity of about double that.

Matthew Nowery, Samaritan's Purse country director, said the Khazir camp went from a few dozen residents to thousands in a matter of days as the Iraq army-

led offensive reached more populated areas last week.

He and Drown were overseeing the distribution of food rations from the World Food Program to roughly 200 people. Several workers stacked monthly family food rations — flour, rice, sugar, salt and other dry goods — on rows of wooden pallets, while others registered waiting recipients.

Families dragged off their share, more than about 150 pounds of food and cooking oil, to their blue and white quonset huts arrayed in long rows.

But, while humanitarian organizations have been working since the summer to prepare for the influx of fleeing civilians, Nowery said, there still aren't enough tents for those who have already fled, a fraction of the anticipated total.

'One giant adventure ... with a larger team. I would say I'm fulfilled now.'

Caleb Drown
deputy country director for Samaritan's Purse and former Marine

Internal funding, largely supplied by U.S. donors, allowed Samaritan's Purse to preposition supplies and train its local staff of 200 in first aid for physical wounds and psychological traumas, Nowery said. Getting a step ahead was critical.

"Once you get behind on this thing (the displacement crisis), you'll never catch up," he said. "You'll be playing catch-up until they go home."

An expansion of the Khazir camp, which is managed by Kurdistan's Barzani Charity Foundation, was underway, but for the time being some families were living in makeshift shelters of tarps and foil emergency blankets tied to the camp's outer fence.

Outside one of those, a small



CHAD GARLAND/Stars and Stripes

A boy follows his father as the man carries the family's monthly food ration to the quonset hut shelter where they were staying at a camp for displaced people in Hassan Sham, Iraq, on Monday.

cage containing a pet songbird hung from the fence. The bird's owner peeked out from behind flaps of plastic sheeting but would identify herself only as the mother of Aus, one of her three children. She said they had arrived five days earlier from Mosul's al-Samah neighborhood and for 2½ years before that "we were in hell."

"We saw the soldiers and they saved us from Daesh," she said, using the Arabic acronym for the Islamic State group. She said she could recount many horrors, but she refused to relive them.

As Iraqi forces faced fiercer resistance in Mosul's eastern districts and the suburb of Gogjali on Monday, the flow of fleeing civilians seemed to have dried up from what Drown said had been a trickle at first, then a river. He was preparing for floodgates to open in coming days.

Since the end of his enlistment in 2008, the Marine veteran has worked to bridge the civilian-military gap in conflict zones, first for the U.S. Agency for International Development in Afghanistan, then a relief and development nonprofit in South Asia, before joining Samaritan's Purse in Iraq in April 2015.

"I loved the Marine Corps," he said, and he doesn't regret serving his country, which he said has in turn served him well.

He completed his bachelor's degree while on active duty and a George Mason University graduate degree on the G.I. Bill after-

ward. He bought his first home with a Veterans Administration guaranteed loan, and relied on his military background at the U.S. Agency for International Development, where he was designated to translate military speak into a civilian dialect for his colleagues.

As a former sergeant, that took some getting used to, he said, since he was often the agency's liaison with senior military officers and had to resist the urge to salute whenever a colonel walked into a room.

The difference as a civilian in the humanitarian sector, he said, is that he feels more freedom and autonomy. But what he initially found lacking was the camaraderie he felt with other Marines, "living together, sharing the same mission, moving in the same direction."

Living with his wife and their two sons, ages 9 and 6, in Iraq's Kurdish region, Drown has finally found that with Samaritan's Purse. He is on "one giant adventure ... with a larger team," he said. "I would say I'm fulfilled now."

Also satisfying he said, is that he now wears a cross on his chest, rather than an eagle, globe and anchor, keeping the faith through works done in the name of his Christian beliefs.

"It takes a lot more than an M-16 to save the world," he said.

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WAR ON TERRORISM

Uptick in displaced Afghans worsens crisis

By ERIN CUNNINGHAM
The Washington Post

KABUL, Afghanistan — Abdulhalim fled the northern city of Kunduz this month after militants and security forces had been clashing for days.

Now he's 200 miles away in Kabul, sleeping in a tent and living on aid. He is part of a looming humanitarian crisis aid agencies here are struggling to contain.

Before the current crisis, more than 1 million people had been uprooted last year. This year, at least another million Afghans are "on the move" inside Afghanistan and across its borders in what the United Nations warns is an alarming new wave of displaced people.

Many, like Abdulhalim, fled violence or conflict; others escaped hardships such as poverty or drought. Still others were forced to return from Pakistan and Iran.

Even as the numbers grew, Afghanistan agreed to accept Afghan asylum-seekers deported from the European Union.

"This sudden increase [in the displaced] has put a lot of pressure on Afghanistan, which has had 30 years of war," said Nader Farhad, spokesman for the U.N. refugee agency in Kabul. "It's not easy to put together the infrastructure, to provide the services that are required."

"To the European countries, we say, Instead of investing in the return of Afghans to Afghanistan, tackle the root causes," Farhad said.

Massive displacement has plagued Afghanistan for years, beginning with the



ANDREW QUILTY/For The Washington Post

After driving from Pakistan the previous day, an Afghan family wakes up and boils tea after a night sleeping on top of the trucks that carried them outside a U.N. refugee agency "encashment" center on the outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan.

Soviet invasion in 1979. That conflict killed two decades of war. When the United States invaded in 2001, some 4 million Afghans were living in Pakistan and Iran.

Many of those refugees later returned, driven by hopes for stability and peace. But now, Afghanistan is witnessing some of its worst violence since the U.S. helped topple

the Taliban. More than 1,600 civilians were killed in the first six months of 2016, according to a U.N. report released in July. That was the highest number of civilian casualties in the first half of a year since the U.N. began keeping track in 2009.

The violence has been driven by Taliban assaults on Afghan cities, putting more ci-

vilians in the crosshairs.

"The fighting was intense. There was artillery, rockets, aerial bombardment," Abdulhalim, 38, said of this month's dayslong battle between Afghan and Taliban forces in Kunduz city.

"My children were screaming, our neighbors' houses destroyed," said Abdulhalim, who like many Afghans goes by one name. "We had no option but to leave."

In a dusty lot east of Kabul, the U.N. refugee agency has erected a center for the hundreds of thousands of Afghan refugees arriving from Pakistan. At least 5,000 cross the border from Pakistan every day. The U.N. gives them a stipend and vaccinates the children against measles and polio.

The influx began after Pakistani authorities announced a deadline for Afghan refugees — of which there were 1.7 million registered with the U.N. — to leave. Many of the refugees had lived in Pakistan for decades or were even born there.

Reports have already surfaced of returning refugees clashing with locals over resources and land. The displaced are often pushed into squalid camps. They also face the threat of forced eviction and rarely have access to clean water or food.

Basbir Bezhen, an Afghan analyst and political commentator, said the government "is incapable of creating jobs for these people or of improving the economy in the remote places where they live." He said criminal and terrorist networks will seek out the jobless and displaced youths.

"It will push Afghanistan into deeper crisis," Bezhen said.



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NATION

Ex-officer testifies he feared for his life

By JANICE MORSE
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — A white former police officer on trial for murder testified Tuesday that he feared for his life when he fatally shot an unarmed black motorist during a traffic stop.

Ray Tensing, who was fired by the University of Cincinnati after the July 2015 shooting of Sam DuBose near the campus, also testified that the Confederate flag on the T-shirt he was wearing that day under his uniform had no meaning to him.

Also Tuesday, an expert defense witness testified that a frame-by-frame analysis of a body cam video shows Tensing was justified in fearing for his life because his face was "violently twisted" during the confrontation.

James Scanlon, co-owner of North American SWAT Training Association, said DuBose made "aggressive, life-threatening action" against Tensing, including turning the steering wheel sharply to the left while the officer's arm was caught inside the car.

Scanlon noted that one of the vehicle's tires narrowly missed

running over Tensing's foot — a scenario that has killed some police officers.

Some police officers had testified for the defense Monday that they found Tensing looking shocked and scared after the shooting.

Jurors spent much of Tuesday morning watching video footage of other traffic stops Tensing, now 26, had made before the shooting.

The prosecution rested Monday after a series of state witnesses testified they didn't find any evidence to support Tensing's claim that he was going to be dragged to death as DuBose, 43, tried to drive away.

The university fired Tensing after his 2015 indictment on charges of murder and voluntary manslaughter. The university then restructured its public safety department and made other changes in its policing.

A firearms expert testified for the prosecution that Tensing fired his 40-caliber Sig Sauer service revolver between 1 and 2 feet from DuBose's head, and a deputy coroner said the gunshot severed DuBose's brain stem, causing immediate fatal injury.

Wash. university bans social events in response to alcohol-fueled issues

The Seattle Times

PULLMAN, Wash. — Sororities and fraternities at Washington State University have been banned from hosting campus events in a move by the groups' governing bodies to improve their negative reputation plagued by sexual assaults and other problems.

In a letter issued Monday, the Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils announced suspending all social events, regardless of the presence of alcohol, following a rising number of rapes, assaults, falls and hospitalizations fueled by alcohol this fall.

"With the current negative reputation our community possesses, it is needless to say that the future of Greek Life at this institution is in jeopardy," the letter says. The ban lasts through the end of the semester in December, after which chapters will undergo a review process.

Fraternities and sororities at other schools nationwide have taken similar bold stances and banned all parties, such as at the University of California, Berkeley, amid sexual assault reports just last month.

For WSU, this is believed to be the first time the school's councils have implemented such a widespread ban, according to the director of Interfraternity public relations, Nicolas Swaab. They've prohibited alcohol at individual chapters before, he said, but the ban seemed necessary now to

pause and improve the system long-term.

He and the letter emphasized that the ban is not a punishment but rather a way to take time to figure out how to keep social events safe. The decision came after the councils met last week to discuss the alcohol-related issues.

"The quote 'Cougs Helping Cougs' has not been pertinent in the actions of the Greek community," the letter says. "It is now the time for all Greek members to take this to heart and express it in their actions not only for the rest of this semester but for years to come."

Among the campus incidents were cases in early September, one in which an 18-year-old female student reported being given alcohol and raped at the Delta Upsilon fraternity house, police said.

The next day, police were called to the hospital and interviewed a 17-year-old girl who said she had been given alcohol at the same fraternity house and had become ill, Pullman Police Department Chief Gary Jenkins said.

Two weeks ago, a student was found dead in a fraternity bedroom, according to the Spokesman Review. The circumstances of the student's death are unclear.

During the ban, the school's fraternities and sororities must create plans for raising awareness around sexual assault, substance abuse, falls and mental health and work with council leaders to review rules, the letter says.



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NATION

Quakes in Okla. tied to drilling

Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — Thousands of earthquakes have rattled Oklahoma and neighboring states in recent years, with the most significant portion traced to the underground injection of wastewater left over from oil and gas production. The latest strong tremor — a magnitude-5.0 — damaged dozens of buildings in Cushing, Okla.

Here's a look at earthquakes in Oklahoma:

Why does Oklahoma have so many earthquakes? Scientists have linked Oklahoma's earthquakes to the underground disposal of wastewater during oil and gas production. Virtually every well produces some water along with the oil and gas that is pumped out of the ground.

Wells in Oklahoma bring up a lot more water than is produced from wells in other U.S. energy producing areas like those in North Dakota where wastewater injection has not triggered earthquakes.

All that wastewater, along with a small amount of water used in the drilling process, is contaminated. To get rid of it without contaminating surface waters, producers have been injecting it using disposal wells drilled deep into the Arbuckle formation, a sandstone layer that underlies Oklahoma and southern Kansas.

So much wastewater has now been injected into it that it has overloaded the formation. This "pulse of water" is now spreading out across the formation, changing the underground pressure and triggering earthquakes along



JIM BECKEL, THE OKLAHOMAN/AP

Jeremy Frazier, Cushing, Okla., assistant city manager, stands in his office littered with insulation, ceiling tiles and debris after Sunday night's magnitude-5.0 earthquake.

what had been inactive, stable faults millions of years old.

Are the Oklahoma earthquakes getting worse? For about 100 years or so, there had been only two earthquakes that came close to a magnitude-5.0 in Oklahoma, said George Choy, a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey. During the past five years, there have been at least four 5.0 or greater earthquakes — including the one Sunday that was the third such earthquake this year.

The number of Oklahoma earthquakes peaked in June 2015 and the amount of wastewater injection peaked in late 2014. The

rate of earthquakes has been cut in half as producers have been decreasing the amount of water they had been injecting into the formation.

Why hasn't there been more damage? As a rule-of-thumb, it usually takes a magnitude-6.0 or greater earthquake in that part of the country before you can see major damage, said Rex Buchanan, director emeritus of the Kansas Geological Society.

But even then a lot depends on the earthquake's location and depth, the time of day, and the type of geology.

3rd body found on SC property

By SEANNA ADCOX
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Associated Press

WOODRUFF, S.C. — Investigators discovered a third body on the property of a South Carolina man who is now linked to seven deaths and the kidnapping of a woman who was found chained inside a storage container, authorities said Monday.

Todd Kohlhepp, 45, became a suspect after he was found Thursday chained by her neck and ankle in a metal storage container on his 95-acre property near Rural Woodruff.

The body of her boyfriend was found a day later. The couple had been missing for about two months.

The other remains were found near one another Sunday and Monday, and authorities are not sure who they are. Investigators were expected back at the property on Tuesday, but Spartanburg County Coroner Rusty Clevenger said he didn't think there were any more bodies.

"As the coroner, that's all I have been advised of. That was the total number of bodies I was told was on the property. If I am told there are more, I will be back," he said.

Following Kohlhepp's arrest, he confessed to a 2003 quadruple slaying at a motorcycle shop in the small town of Chesnee, said Spartanburg County Sheriff Chuck Wright. He was denied bond Sunday on four murder charges for gunning down the motorcycle shop's owner, service manager,

mechanic and bookkeeper.

Wright has said Kohlhepp gave details only the killer would know. His confession came a day before the 13th anniversary of the crime, which many feared would never be solved.

Before his confession, authorities granted him three requests, WSPA-TV reported. One was to transfer money to a girl Kohlhepp says he's helping raise, to help pay for college. The second was to give his mother a photograph, and the third was to let him talk to his mother.

Kohlhepp is charged with kidnapping the woman, and more criminal counts are expected. He has chosen to represent himself, Wright told the Spartanburg Herald-Journal.

Kohlhepp showed investigators Saturday where he said he buried two other victims on the property he bought two years ago.

Kohlhepp did not tell investigators who was buried there. Removing the remains to "preserve every bit of evidence" is a meticulous, time-consuming process, the coroner said.

The gravesites Kohlhepp pointed to were in addition to the body found Friday in a shallow grave at the site. Authorities identified that victim as the boyfriend of the woman found Thursday. Clevenger said he died of multiple gunshot wounds.

The Associated Press is not naming the woman because the suspect is a sex offender, though authorities have not said whether she was sexually assaulted.

LAX shooter tells judge at sentencing that plot evolved from suicide plan

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A deadly rampage at Los Angeles International Airport grew from a suicide plan that morphed into a twisted mission to die in a blaze of glory taking out federal officers, the gunman said before being sentenced to life in prison.

In explaining the roots of his rage and offering a half-hearted apology, Paul Ciancia calmly told a federal judge the steps that led from him being "sick of life" to

gunning down a Transportation Security Administration officer at point-blank range and wounding two other officers and a teacher before he was shot in the face and subdued three years ago.

"I knew exactly how I wanted to die," Ciancia stated. "I was going to take up arms against my own government."

Ciancia, 26, was sentenced Monday to a mandatory term of life plus 60 years for the Nov. 1, 2013, attack that crippled the nation's second-busiest airport and disrupted travel nationwide. He previously pleaded guilty to murder and 10 other charges in exchange for prosecutors dropping efforts to seek the death penalty.

Dressed in an all-white jail suit and shackled at the ankles, the diminutive and pale Ciancia stared at the agents he had shot and airport police who sat in the courtroom with black bands across their badges.

He offered no apology to them, but he said he was sorry to Brian Ludmer, a teacher who was head-

ed to a wedding in Chicago when he was struck by gunfire.

Ludmer was so appalled by Ciancia's "bizarre lack of remorse" for the officers and the family of slain Officer Gerardo Hernandez that he decided to address the killer via a statement he filed with the court.

Ciancia, an unemployed motorcycle mechanic originally from New Jersey, said he wanted to kill himself in the fall of 2012. He planned to spend \$26,000 in savings as he developed the plot.

He was watching a lot of cable news during the presidential campaign and heard frequent discussion about gun control. After coming to a conservative website known for peddling conspiracy theories, he decided to get a gun.

Although the sentence carries no chance of parole, Ciancia apparently thinks he may one day be released. In a court filing, one of his public defenders noted, "Ciancia believes he will get out of prison when the revolution begins."



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NATION

SCOTUS may limit president's power to fill posts

By SAM HANANEL
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday raised doubts about the temporary appointment of a former labor official in a case that could limit the president's power to fill top government posts.

The justices considered whether Life-Solomon was allowed to serve as acting general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board while he was at the same time nominated to fill that role permanently.

The outcome of the case could affect the next administration if the new president and the Senate remain at odds over nominations to agencies at the center of parti-

san political fights. It also raises questions about the validity of decisions made by a half-dozen other temporary officials who still have nominations pending.

President Barack Obama named Solomon acting general counsel in June 2010, and he held the office until Nov. 4, 2013. But he was never confirmed by the Senate, where Republicans saw him as too favorable to labor unions.

An issue is a 1998 law that seeks to prevent the president from using temporary appointments to bypass the Senate's advice-and-consent rule. A federal appeals court ruled last year that Solomon's tenure was invalid under the complex requirements of the law.

Acting Solicitor General Ian Gershengorn told the justices that the lower court ruling upends a settled understanding of the law that has been used to nominate more than 100 people over nearly two decades. He said Congress never objected to any of those officials.

"It is very much the dog that didn't bark," he said of Congress' silence.

But during the hourlong argument, it seemed that justices across the ideological divide were skeptical about the government's reading of the law.

Chief Justice John Roberts said congressional inaction over the practice does not mean lawmakers believed it complied with the law. "That might not be a particu-

lar battle they want to fight at that time," he said.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said she was not persuaded by interpretations of the law from the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel and the Government Accountability Office that sided with the administration.

The case began when an Arizona-based ambulance company accused of unfair labor practices argued that Solomon was serving in violation of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit sided with the company, SW General Inc.

The law says that once an official is nominated for a post requiring Senate confirmation, that person can't serve in the same

position on a temporary basis. There is an exception if the nominee served for 90 days as a "first assistant" to the person who previously held the office.

The Obama administration says the law doesn't prevent the president from tapping other senior officials as temporary fill-ins even if they are also formally nominated to the post. That was the case with Solomon, who was director at a different office at the NLRB.

Arguing for the ambulance company, Shay Dvoretzky said the law allows federal agencies to maintain stability by keeping the first assistant in place and not bringing in someone else. Others, like Solomon, have "no accountability" to the Senate.



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Police inspect a car on the Benicia-Martinez Bridge in Martinez, Calif., that was left by a woman who jumped from the bridge Monday.

Woman runs over 3, jumps from Calif. bridge

Associated Press

MARTINEZ, Calif. — Police say a woman purposefully ran over her estranged husband and two of his friends in a crosswalk outside a family court and then jumped to her death off a bridge in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Martinez police Cmdr. Eric Ghisletta told the East Bay Times several people saw the woman speed up and hit the three people Monday morning outside a Martinez courthouse.

Ghisletta said the woman then fled the scene and, minutes later, jumped off the Benicia-Martinez

Bridge. Police found the body in the water under the bridge. The vehicle matching the description of the one used to hit the pedestrians was found on the bridge near where the woman jumped.

Authorities did not immediately identify her, pending notification of family.

College staffer awarded \$3M in Rolling Stone case

By ALANNA DURKIN RICHER
Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Jurors awarded a University of Virginia administrator \$3 million Monday for her portrayal in a now-discredited Rolling Stone magazine article about the school's handling of a brutal gang rape at a fraternity house.

The 10-member jury's decision came after they concluded Friday that the magazine, its publisher and reporter Sabrina Rubin Erdely were responsible for def-

amation, with actual malice, of former associate dean of students Nicole Eramo in the 2014 story "A Rape on Campus."

Eramo sued the magazine for \$7.5 million, claiming it cast her as a villain who sought to discourage the woman identified only as Jackie from reporting her alleged assault to police. A police investigation found no evidence to back up Jackie's rape claims.

Jurors heard testimony Monday about the extent to which the story has damaged Eramo's life and reputation before they began

deliberating to decide how much to award her in damages.

Eramo told jurors that after the story's publication, she has trouble sleeping, feared for her safety and struggled with how to explain what was happening to her son, then 7.

One day, she crawled under her desk and contemplated suicide as she felt her world come crashing down around her, she said. Her husband testified that she told him, "I don't know that I can live anymore."

Clinical trial of inactive Zika virus vaccine in humans is launched

By DANIEL CHANG
Miami Herald

MIAMI — With Florida health officials reporting more mosquito-borne Zika infections in Miami-Dade County, including one new case confirmed Monday, scientists with the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Silver Spring, Md., launched the first of five early stage clinical trials that they hope will lead to the development of a vaccine against the virus.

A Zika vaccine is still two to three years away from public availability, according to scientists, but most vaccines have traditionally taken a decade or longer to develop. The shorter time frame is due in part to lessons learned from prior infectious disease outbreaks.

Kayvon Modjarrad, a physician researcher and associate director for emerging infectious disease threats at the Walter Reed Institute, or WRAIR, said scientists developed the trial vaccine, called Zika purified inactivated virus, or ZPIV, using the same technology they used to create a Japanese encephalitis vaccine licensed in 2009.

"It's based on a technology that has been around for a long time," he said.

There are three Zika vaccine candidates undergoing human clinical trials, but ZPIV is the only one that uses a weakened or dead virus to provoke an immune system defense.

The other two candidates are DNA vaccines that also elicit immune system responses by using genetically engineered DNA that stimulates cells. They are being tested separately in clinical trials

by the National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and by Inovio Pharmaceuticals — though no DNA vaccine has ever been licensed for human use.

After preclinical studies in early July showed that two doses of ZPIV, administered four weeks apart, provoked a protective immune response to Zika in rhesus monkeys, the vaccine candidate advanced to human trials.

Currently, there are five different clinical trials scheduled using ZPIV, Modjarrad said, including one by St. Louis University researchers to determine the optimal dose of vaccine to be used in larger studies.

Other ZPIV studies will evaluate the safety and effectiveness of administering the vaccine candidate in a shortened time period and its ability to prevent Zika in people who have been naturally exposed to the Zika or dengue virus. A fifth trial will examine the effectiveness of using the DNA and ZPIV vaccine candidates together.

For the ZPIV human clinical trial launched Monday, WRAIR scientists will recruit 75 healthy adult volunteers who have never been infected with any of a related group of viruses, including yellow fever, dengue, West Nile, Japanese encephalitis and Zika.

Because military personnel are deployed on short notice to places where infectious diseases are endemic — and because Army scientists want to understand how a Zika vaccine would react when used with other vaccines — the ZPIV clinical trial launched Monday will include groups that are also being vaccinated against Japanese encephalitis and yellow fever.

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Paralegic hunter Gary Dupuis, of Ashburnham, Mass., hunts for deer in Devens, Mass., on Friday. Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife officials and volunteers run a program that gets paraplegic hunters into the woods during a special hunting season.

Specialized deer hunt helps paraplegics pursue passion

By MARK PRATT
Associated Press

BOSTON — For more than 40 years, paraplegic hunters have gathered in the predawn darkness around Massachusetts for an opportunity that would otherwise be difficult, if not impossible.

The specialized deer hunt brings together sportsmen and women, volunteers and workers from the state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife for three days every fall.

John Pelletier broke his back when he fell out of a tree stand while hunting in 2004, and the program has allowed him to continue what he calls his passion. He now takes his .50-caliber muzzle-loader to the Massachusetts Military Reservation on Cape Cod to hunt every year.

"Some guys get a mistress when they hit 40; I started hunting," said a laughing Pelletier, 57, of Westport, who uses a specialized wheelchair with what he describes as mountain bike tires that give him better maneuverability in the wild. "These hunts really afford me the opportunity to get back in the woods like I did before."

Most states make accommodations for disabled hunters, said Bill Fertig, director of the resource center at the United Spinal Association, a New York-based organization that advocates for improving the quality of life of people with spinal cord injuries.

But Massachusetts is among fewer than a dozen states that set aside special seasons and specific hunting areas for the disabled. Many offer waived or reduced fees for disabled hunters, allow them to hunt from their vehicles or allow the use of specialized equipment which hunters who have full use of their legs are not allowed to use.

"Being able to do what you used to do, or what everybody else can do, especially if it's your passion, is part of what makes you who you are," Fertig said. Trina Moruzzi, a wildlife biologist with the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife who has been coordinating the program for 16 years, said it started in 1972 when a group of paraplegic sportsmen went to state legislators and got a statute passed establishing the three-day hunt, held Thursday, Friday and Saturday this year.

The number of sites where the hunt is offered has grown over the years, giving more people the opportunity to participate.



Gary Dupuis waits to take part in this year's specialized deer hunt.

This year it was held in five spots — in Williamstown and Mount Washington in the Berkshire Mountains; in a wildlife area near the Quabbin Reservoir, the state's largest body of water; at the former Fort Devens army base; and on Cape Cod, a site added in 2011.

About 25 to 30 disabled hunters participate every year, along with dozens of volunteers and state workers. The state allows anyone who doesn't have use of their legs to participate, Moruzzi said. In the past, at least two quadriplegic hunters have participated with highly specialized equipment, although there was none this year, she said. Volunteers scout out the woods in the days before the hunt, looking for the best places to set up blinds, said Dave Eseloniis, 71, of Shirley, a volunteer at the Devens location. They place plywood in the woods so wheelchairs don't get stuck in mud.

They meet before dawn on hunt days, helping hunters out of their vehicles and escorting them to the sites. They check on them during the day, and if they get a deer they help them haul their game out of the woods.

The harvest rate for the paraplegic hunt is about the same as the harvest rate for all hunters, Moruzzi said.

Diver looking for cukes may have found a lost nuke

By AMY B WANG
The Washington Post

The water conditions were perfect — "beautiful, clear, green" — when Sean Smyrnickysky went diving last month off the north coast of British Columbia.

The 45-year-old Canadian had joined two friends for a three-week fishing expedition. Setting off on his own one day, Smyrnickysky went searching for sea cucumbers that their small crew could harvest the following day.

Using a DPV, or a diver propulsion vehicle, Smyrnickysky plunged 25 to 30 feet down into the bay.

Ahead of him, a mysterious object emerged.

"And I thought, what a cool rock formation," he said. "It's perfectly round."

As he approached the formation, Smyrnickysky discovered it wasn't a rock, but something that appeared man-made.

It was perfectly round, he noted, with circles and bowls "the size of basketballs" cut into it.

He rushed back to the surface to tell his friends, boat captain Richard Hamilton and fellow diver Chrissy Anderson, about the bizarre object he had spotted.

"When I came out of the water, I was pretty excited about the big weird thing that I found," Smyrnickysky said. "I drew a picture of the thing that I had found on a napkin with my buddies."

He presented the illustration to his friends. "It's a UFO," he declared.

They told him he was crazy. Smyrnickysky hung onto the napkin anyway. He knew what he had seen.

It wasn't until Smyrnickysky was preparing to go home when an "old-timer" at local village took him seriously.

"We wound up in this little fishing village and we started to get some internet," he said. "And one of the guys said, 'Hey, maybe you found that old bomb they lost.'"

"That old bomb," the older fish-

erman explained, was from a U.S. Air Force B-36 bomber that had crashed over British Columbia in 1950.

The wreckage from the plane was discovered a few years later in a remote location, but a Mark IV nuclear bomb that it had reportedly jettisoned ahead of time was never recovered.

Throughout the Cold War and for decades afterward, the whereabouts of the bomb remained a mystery. The crash was the subject of "Lost Nuke: The Last Flight of Bomber 075," a book published this year by historian Dirk Septer.

Smyrnickysky ran an online image search for the "Mark IV."

Pieces of one of the schematic drawings of the bomb looked like what he had seen underwater.

That night, he reached out through Facebook to a friend in the Canadian Air Force with a note that he knew sounded bizarre: He had been hunting for sea cucumbers but potentially found a Cold War-era nuclear bomb.

Now what?

His friend suggested he contact the Royal Canadian Navy.

"They called me right back," Smyrnickysky said. "They were very excited about it."

The Canadian Navy has since deployed a ship to explore the site of the crash and invited Smyrnickysky to join them.

Smyrnickysky's discovery does match up with the location of the 1950 bomber crash, Maj. Steve Neta, of the Canadian Armed Forces, told CBC News.

Neta also told the news network that the lost bomb was a "dummy capsule" and is not likely a nuclear weapon.

The Canadian naval ship should arrive later this week, and Smyrnickysky plans to join them later this month. He is unsure of what to expect.

"I think every diver wants to find a piece of gold," Smyrnickysky said. "But you never expect to see this or something like this."

'Mannequin challenge' is latest viral craze

Associated Press

Forget dumping ice buckets, dancing or planking. The latest viral phenomenon sweeping the internet consists of people standing still as part of the "mannequin challenge."

Videos of the challenge feature people posing as mannequins in dramatic postures. They began to appear late last month online and by last weekend everyone from high school cheerleaders in Texas to the NBA's Milwaukee Bucks had taken part.

The Dallas Cowboys went airborne for their challenge, complete with a stoic Tony Romo being stuffed into an overhead compartment on the team plane.

The challenge has become a victory celebration for some teams. Texas Christian, Penn State and Clemson's football teams posted mannequin challenges after big wins Saturday.

The videos are set to the song "Black Beatles" by rap duo Rae Sremmurd, which held a live version of the challenge during a concert last week.

WORLD



SEBASTIAN SCHEINER/AP

Israeli-Arab women demonstrate in Jaffa, Israel, on Oct. 28 against the mistreatment of women.

Killings spark reckoning over status of Arab women in Israel

BY ARON HELLER
AND AREEJ HAZBOUN
Associated Press

LOD, Israel — After years of abuse and death threats, Duaa Abu-Sharkh, 32, had finally divorced her husband, agreeing even to give up custody of her four young children and family property to escape his violent grip. Then, one night in late September, as she was dropping off her kids after a rare visit, a masked gunman dragged her from her car and shot her in the head before the children's eyes.

Her killing is the latest in a string of murders of Israeli-Arab women believed to have been carried out by relatives. But after years of silence, the recent outburst has sparked soul searching in the community and unprecedented demonstrations against its mistreatment of women.

The killings have some similarities to the so-called "honor killings" elsewhere in the Muslim world, where women can be murdered by relatives for tarnishing the family name through perceived sexual indiscretions. But activists in Israel reject such comparisons, saying the vast majority of the killings are the result of rampant spousal abuse that has been ignored by police in a landscape rife with drugs, crime and poverty.

Traumatized by the recent death of Abu-Sharkh and other women in their communities, Arab citizens, who have long been suspicious of Israeli authorities, are now calling for more police and social services in their long-neglected neighborhoods.

Though just a fifth of the population, Arabs represent half of the women killed in Israel each year. Half of those women are killed in the Arab neighborhoods of Ramle and Lod, cities just outside Tel Aviv where several large clans involved in organized crime have made weapons easily accessible and allowed violence, particularly toward women, to go unchecked for years.

"Women in Arab society have



DAN BAILY/AP

Israeli-Arab Majeda Abu-Sharkh, left, holds a picture of Duaa Abu-Sharkh, who was killed in Lod, central Israel. Next to Abu-Sharkh is her niece, Alaa Khalili.

a lower status. So when there is violence, who pays the price? Women," said Samah Salame, a social worker who founded the Arab Women in the Center organization to aid victims in the Lod area. She said Israeli authorities treat the oppression of women as a value in Arab society. "They deal

with us as if the blood of the Arab woman is cheaper," she said.

'Women in Arab society have a lower status. So when there is violence, who pays the price? Women.'

Samah Salame
Arab Women in the Center founder

hundreds of women and men, both Arabs and Jews. A parliamentary committee heard testimony from Arab women, and the national police chief said the level of violence was "unacceptable" and vowed to battle it.

Arabs hold full citizenship rights in Israel but are generally

poorer and less educated than Jews and suffer from discrimination and substandard public services. Some Israelis, including top politicians, have questioned Arab loyalty to the state, contributing to their sense of being treated as second-class citizens. Arabs often accuse the police of being indifferent to Arab crime so long as Jews are not harmed.

Earlier this year, after a deadly shooting in downtown Tel Aviv and a subsequent weeklong manhunt for the Arab shooter, Israel launched a campaign to collect illegal arms in Arab towns. Later, it promoted an Arab police officer to deputy commissioner, making him the highest-ranking Muslim ever to serve in the force and putting him in charge of the new law-and-order drive in Arab communities.

Police spokesman Mickey Rosenfeld said families used to tamper with crime scenes and make it difficult for police to collect evidence and testimony in Arab areas. But he said attitudes have changed in recent years, and cooperation is much better. The police force is currently recruiting an additional 1,500 Arab officers and holding outreach programs to strengthen ties to the community, he said.

"The days of the instant anti-police, anti-government and anti-establishment sentiment are over," he said. "The main emphasis now is to be there and to connect with the Arab community."

5 arrested in Germany for ties to Islamic State

BY KIRSTEN GRIESHAHER
Associated Press

BERLIN — German authorities arrested five men Tuesday on allegations they aided the Islamic State group in Germany by recruiting members and providing financial and logistical help.

The federal prosecutor's office said in a statement that the men were arrested on suspicion of supporting a terrorist organization. The arrests were made in a series of raids in the western state of North Rhine-Westphalia and the northern state of Lower Saxony.

The country's justice minister, Heiko Maas, called the arrests "an important blow to the extremist scene in Germany."

Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere said it was critical to prevent people from becoming "so radicalized that they are in danger of becoming terrorists."

"We don't want terrorism to take place in Germany," he said. "We don't want terrorism to be exported from Germany."

One of the raids was in the Lower Saxony city of Hildesheim, which is a known center for ultra-conservative Muslims known as Salafists and where a mosque was raided during the summer.

The prosecutor's office said the suspects weren't known to have links to Islamic State suspect Jabar Albaki, who killed himself in prison in October two days after being arrested on suspicion of plotting to attack a Berlin airport

with homemade explosives.

The five men are suspected of recruiting young Muslims in Germany and raising funds to send them to Syria to join the Islamic State group, prosecutors said. They're also accused of providing logistical support for the trips.

One of the suspects, a 32-year-old Iraqi citizen identified as Ahmad Abdulaziz Abdullah A., who also goes by the alias Abu Walaa, is accused of being the ringleader of the group. He openly supported the Islamic State group, attended several extremist events as a speaker and approved the departure of those willing to go to Syria, prosecutors said.

His last name wasn't provided, in line with German privacy laws.

Two other suspects, identified as 50-year-old Turkish citizen Hasan C. and 36-year-old German-Serbian citizen Boban S., were in charge of teaching Arabic and "radical Islamic content" to recruits.

The other two suspects, 27-year-old German citizen Mahmoud O. and a 26-year-old from Cameroon identified as Ahmed F.Y., helped with the logistics of organizing the recruits' departure to Syria.

"The network verifiably trafficked one young man and his family to the 'IS' in Syria," the statement said, referring to the Islamic State group. The accused were scheduled to be brought before a judge later Tuesday and on Wednesday, the prosecutor's office said.

Lawmakers reject Hungarian PM's amendments on migrants

BY PABLO GORONDI
Associated Press

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Hungary's prime minister failed Tuesday in his attempt to push through constitutional amendments opposing any future plan by the European Union to resettle asylum-seekers among members of the bloc.

Lawmakers voted 131-3 in favor of Prime Minister Viktor Orban's proposal, but the governing Fidesz party failed to secure any opposition support and fell two votes short of the two-thirds majority of all 199 deputies necessary.

The failure to pass the five amendments, including one stating that a "foreign population cannot be settled into Hungary," was Orban's second major setback after an Oct. 2 referendum — in which over 98 percent of voters supported the government's anti-migrant position — was declared

invalid due to low voter turnout.

Political analyst Zoltan Ceglledi said the rejection of the amendments was a "defeat of power politics" in which Orban and Fidesz were emphasizing their ability to get things done no matter what.

"The defeat puts Orban in a very difficult communications position in which he has to explain why he isn't capable of achieving anything," Ceglledi said.

Orban's "zero migrants" policies led Hungary to build fences last year on its southern borders with Serbia and Croatia to stop the migrant flow, and also resulted in draconian rules which, according to human rights groups, have practically destroyed Hungary's asylum system.

Last year, before the fences were fully in place by mid-October, nearly 400,000 migrants and refugees passed through Hungary on their way to Germany and elsewhere in Western Europe.

WORLD

Marcos can be buried as hero

By JIM GOMEZ
Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippines' Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos can be buried at a heroes' cemetery, a decision that opponents said rolled back the democratic triumph of the "people power" revolt that ousted the strongman three decades ago.

"While he was not all good," the 15-member court said in passing judgment on one of Asia's most infamous strongmen, "he was not pure evil either."

Court spokesman Theodore Te said the justices voted 9-5 with one abstention to dismiss petitions opposing President Rodrigo Duterte's approval of the Marcos family's plea for the dictator to be buried at the Heroes' Cemetery in metropolitan Manila, where former presidents, soldiers and national artists have been interred.

The decision on a deeply emotional issue that has divided the poor Southeast Asian nation can be appealed.

Outside the court, more than 300 Marcos supporters erupted



BULLIT MARQUEZ/AP
Supporters of the late Philippine dictator Ferdinand Marcos march toward the Supreme Court for an overnight vigil Monday in Manila, Philippines. The Philippine Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that Marcos can be buried at the Heroes Cemetery.

in celebration, chanting the dictator's name repeatedly. Some waved Philippine flags and wept in joy. Anti-Marcos activists were outraged, and some of the petitioners vowed to ask the court to reconsider.

Riot police stood between the opposing groups.

"We are disappointed. We are heartbroken. We are outraged," a coalition of nearly 40 groups opposed to Marcos' burial at the cemetery said in a joint statement. "With this decision, the very definition of hero is now in question."

Sen. Risa Hontiveros, an anti-Marcos activist in her younger years, lamented the decision. "No tombstone, no grandiose cemetery can change the fact that Marcos was not a hero," she said in a

statement. "He was a plunderer, torturer and a thief with a family seeking to rewrite history to serve their interests."

The dictator's son and namesake, former Sen. Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr., thanked the high court for its "magnanimous act to uphold the rule of law" and expressed his gratitude to Duterte.

"It is our sincerest hope that this will lead the nation towards healing," Marcos Jr. said in a statement, citing the decades of discord over his father's burial.

The Marcos family did not immediately announce a burial date. Burying a dictator accused of massive rights violations and corruption by thousands of activists and dissenters at the heroes' cem-

etery has long been an emotional issue in the Philippines, where Marcos was ousted by a largely nonviolent army-backed uprising in 1986. At the height of the political turbulence, Marcos fled to Hawaii, where he lived with his wife, Imelda, and children in exile until he died in 1989.

The Philippine revolt became a harbinger of change in authoritarian regimes worldwide.

The Marcoses, however, have repeatedly denied any wrongdoing. The late dictator's wife, Imelda, and two of his children eventually ran for public office and won in a stunning political comeback. Marcos Jr. ran for vice president in May and garnered more than 14 million votes but lost by a slim margin.

Police: Lost cellphone led to girl's slaying

The Washington Post

On Oct. 24, a 4-year-old girl went missing from her home in the Charaideo district of upper Assam, a mostly tribal state in northeast India.

Last Monday, the child's body was found in a forest about 250 feet from the Ratanpur tea estate where she lived with her parents. She had been decapitated and her arms had been severed.

Both her arms and her head were found scattered near the body on the forest floor.

The horrific dismembering was allegedly the result of a 14-year-old girl, who lived in the same village, losing her mobile phone.

Wanting it back, her parents — Hanuman Bhumij and his wife Many Bhumij — turned to black magic, police said.

As Prasanta Phukan, an inspector in charge of the Sonari Police Station in Assam, told The Washington Post, many in the remote tribal area are uneducated and steeped in superstition.

They conducted a prayer ritual which Phukan said was performed by Gul Mhammad Ali, also known as Gulam, a tantric, or a black witch priest, in the village. With Gulam were his nephew Hajrat Arif and another assistant named Ariful Haqmulia.

Part of the prayer ritual to retrieve the mobile phone included sacrificing the 4-year-old girl. On Oct. 24, they allegedly kidnapped her and proceeded to horribly disfigure her, eventually killing her.

Police have arrested Hanuman and Many along with the two assistants in the ritual. Gulam, though, has fled.

The 14-year-old who originally lost her phone was not arrested, since she is a minor. The family of the victim and the family that took part in the prayer ritual knew each other from living in the same small village. Everyone involved, including the deceased child, are Adivasis, descendants of indigenous people in India who have been the objects of discrimination and exploitation for years.

These communities tend to be poor and uneducated, and deeply superstitious, with belief systems involving goddesses and witches.

British banker convicted in brutal killings

Associated Press

HONG KONG — A British banker was convicted of murder Tuesday for killing two Indonesian women in Hong Kong, torturing one of them over three days, while using cocaine in a gruesome case that shocked the Chinese financial hub.

The nine-person jury returned unanimous verdicts against Rurik Jutting after a two-week trial in the High Court. The slayings in 2014 and disclosures as the case developed highlighted Hong Kong's significant inequality as well as the decadent lifestyles of some members of the former British colony's expatriate elite.

Jutting was given an automatic mandatory life sentence.

While he has the right to an appeal, his defense lawyer indicated ahead of the verdict that Jutting would request a transfer to a British prison.

In a statement his lawyer asked to be read into the court record, Jutting said he was sorry and accepted the verdicts as "just and appropriate punishment." He also said he was haunted by his actions and the pain he'd caused to the women's loved ones.

Jutting, a Cambridge University graduate who worked for Bank of America-Merrill Lynch, was convicted of killing Sumarti Ningsih,

23, and then Seneng Mujiash, 26, days later. The two originally came to Hong Kong as foreign maids but ended up as sex workers.

Jurors were shown graphic smartphone video clips taken by Jutting of his apparent torture of Sumarti, which the judge deemed too graphic for the public to view. He slit her throat and then nearly decapitated her when she didn't die immediately, according to facts agreed upon by both the prosecution and defense. He then stuffed her body inside a suitcase that he left on the balcony of his upscale apartment near Hong Kong's famous Wan Chai red-light district.

Jutting had planned to tor-

ture Mujiash with about \$900 worth of tools and sex toys he had bought hours before. But he killed her when she spotted a gag in his apartment and wouldn't stop screaming, according to the two sides.

After the verdict, Judge Michael Stuart-Moore called the case "one of the most horrifying murder cases to come to the courts in Hong Kong."

"There are insufficient superlatives to describe the cruelty" that Jutting inflicted on Ningsih and planned for Mujiash, he said, adding that the defendant had not shown "one shred of remorse" and rejecting his apology.

Life imitates art on Aeromexico flight as snake drops down into cabin

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Passengers on a commercial flight in Mexico were given a start when a serpent slithered into the cabin in a scene straight out of the Hollywood thriller "Snakes on a Plane."

The green reptile appeared suddenly on an Aeromexico flight from Torsion in the country's north to Mexico City on Sunday, emerging from the ceiling behind an over-

head luggage compartment.

Cellphone video shot by passenger Indalecio Medina showed it wriggling briefly as if trapped before partially dropping down into the cabin.

"I was reading a magazine and the passenger next to me saw it and, 'Oh my word!'" Medina told The Associated Press by phone Monday. He estimated it was over 3 feet in length.

Passengers hastily unbuckled themselves to get clear of the dangling snake before it dropped to the floor, where people trapped it between rows 5 and 6 with blankets provided by a flight attendant, Medina said.

"It was a frightening situation... but people remained calm because it didn't get out of that space and nobody became hysterical," Medina said.

After the pilot radioed ahead, the plane

was given priority landing in Mexico City and touched down 10 minutes later. Passengers exited out the rear, and animal control workers came on board.

"Snakes on a Plane" was a 2006 action movie that was about exactly what the title suggests. It is treasured by fans for its camp premise and star Samuel L. Jackson's profanity-laced declaration of war on the CGI-generated serpents.

WIRED WORLD



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Who we are, online

Information revealed on social media a valuable tool to FBI

By TIM JOHNSON

McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The era of the fingerprint has given way to the digital footprint.

Counterterrorism investigators still rely heavily on tools such as surveillance cameras, license plate readers and facial recognition software to track potential terrorist plots in the physical realm. But they now delve with as much vigor into the social media activity of suspects.

Investigators plot digital networks. They do what is called "sentiment analysis" to determine how a suspect feels. They swim in the sea of data freely provided by the burgeoning use of social media around the world.

That is the upshot of a forum last month by the German software giant SAP that brought together officials from the CIA, FBI, law enforcement and private security companies under the title "Wave of Change."

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Data analysis of social media "is revolutionizing crime fighting as well as counterterrorism," she said, even as agencies struggle to stay abreast of the "dizzying array of data services and platforms" that allow them to monitor social media.

"Are we going to find every pledge of allegiance to [Islamic State leader] Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi on 1.7 billion Facebook accounts? Are we going to see that on 500 million tweets at NYPD? Absolutely not. But we are able to find stuff we would have never found before," Weiner said. "So we can find an individual who is an ISIL sympathizer in Staten Island or the administrator of an extremist forum in Manhattan."

Social media accounts can give federal investigators an immediate look at a suspect's network of friends and associates, said Philip Mudd, a former CIA counterterrorism analyst who also held a top post in the FBI's National Security branch before retiring in 2010. "I need context. Do they quote verses from the Quran? Do they talk about acquiring nails from Amazon because they are going to build a backpack bomb?" Mudd asked.

Mudd said physical surveillance tools also remained critical in an unfolding terrorism event such as the two bombings that shook Seaside Park, N.J., and a street in the Chelsea district of Manhattan on Sept. 17.

Investigators can gather cellphone data and emails from the suspect, he

said, but they must fuse it with other sources of data, requiring massive digital capabilities.

"I want to know, are there license plate readers showing this person coming through the Holland Tunnel? Are there commercial cameras in the neighborhood ... that might show who was in a two-block radius over the past 48 hours? I want to fuse that with the phone and email" information, Mudd said.

Law enforcement experts refer to the challenges of such massive data sifting as the four V's — volume, variety, veracity and velocity — and say the key is in finding useful data amid the chaff.

In some cases, FBI experts turn to the somewhat creepy sounding sentiment analysis, monitoring the social media accounts of a suspect to extract mood changes or emotional reaction.

"I'm not talking about tracking the sentiments of all the legitimate people out on social media," said Michael Steinbach, executive assistant director of the FBI's National Security branch. "But once we've identified an individual, and predicated an investigation, that person, we can track his behavior and his steps toward mobilization."

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Woman arrested in arson, car theft, chase

MN ALEXANDRIA — Charges are pending against an Alexandria woman accused of causing an apartment fire, the ceiling, then stealing a police squad car, after being handcuffed, and leading officers on a high-speed chase.

Police said firefighters responded to the residence Sunday evening and put out a small fire on the living room floor. The 35-year-old woman was arrested after falling through the ceiling tiles while allegedly possessing a methamphetamine pipe and lighter.

Authorities said the woman was able to get one arm free of handcuffs while alone in the back of a squad car and squeeze into the front seat through a sliding window. She allegedly drove off and led officers on a chase reaching speeds of 121 mph before being apprehended.

Suspect on video taking scepter from cathedral

NY NEW YORK — Police are searching for a suspect they say walked out of a cathedral in Brooklyn with a 4-foot tall gold scepter.

Surveillance video shows the suspect walking out of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Sheephead Bay last week. It shows him trying to conceal the religious artifact under a knee-length jacket.

WCBS-TV reported the object is more than a century old.

Police said the suspect also stole another artifact and \$30 in cash. Police said the items were found by the superintendent of a nearby building at the top of a stairwell, and have been returned.

Park wages war on destructive wild hogs

SC HOPKINS — Federal rangers have killed more than 100 wild hogs at Congaree National Park during the past year to keep the animals from menacing visitors and destroying rare plants.

The State newspaper reported that the National Park Service reached out to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's wildlife services division in November 2015 for full-time assistance in reducing the pig population inside the state's only national park. The park is about 30 miles southeast of Columbia.

Since then, resource officers have been trapping the pigs and shooting them.

Wildlife officials say South Carolina has more than 150,000 feral pigs statewide.

Breathalyzer use on students annoys parents

DE SMYRNA — Some parents are raising concerns about a school administering breathalyzer tests to students attending a homecoming dance.

The News Journal of Wilming-

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10,000

long city intervention in which they tried to mitigate the odor.

The amount in dollars Dandelion Grow, a Boulder, Colo., marijuana grow facility operator, was fined for its second odor violation this month. The Daily Camera reported the fine was more than any other single fine the city has administered since recreational marijuana was legalized in 2014. Boulder spokeswoman Sarah Huntley said Dandelion was fined after it did not fix the smell problem despite a two-month-



GILLIAN JONES, THE BERKSHIRE (MASS.) EAGLE/AP

Remembering veterans

Julia Devoti looks for the flag dedicated to her grandfather at the Kiwanis Club of Pittsfield's Barnard "Park of Honor" dedication at Barnard Park in Sheffield, Mass., on Sunday. Each of the 94 flags represents a local veteran and has a yellow ribbon with information about the veteran. Funds collected from sponsorship of the flags go toward college scholarships for the children and grandchildren of veterans. The "Park of Honor" will be on display through Nov. 26.

ton, Del., reported that some parents were annoyed by the practice at Smyrna High School and even felt it bordered on infringing on students' rights. Parents were more concerned about being unaware of the alcohol breath tests in the first place.

The Smyrna School superintendent defended the right for the district to continue the long-standing practice because it keeps students safe. It was started in 1994 in response to a Mothers Against Drunk Driving initiative.

Canned food donations reduce parking fines

KY LEXINGTON — The Lexington Parking Authority said it is reducing parking fines for violators in exchange for canned food items.

The agency said in a statement that its initiative, Food for Fines, runs through Dec. 16. Those who bring in 10 cans of food will receive \$15 off parking citations, including those that are past due.

The statement said those with multiple citations will receive \$15 credit for every set of 10 cans.

A majority of parking fines cost between \$15 and \$35.

All donations will go to God's Pantry Food Bank.

After chase, police find body in trunk of vehicle

MO DESLOGE — Authorities said a body was found inside the trunk of a car that crashed in eastern Missouri after a police chase.

KSDK-TV reported that the pursuit started when a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper attempted to stop a car on U.S. 67 in St. Francois County. The chase ended when the driver crashed into a tree in Desloge.

Patrol Corp. Justin Wheeltey identified the body found in the trunk as that of Michael Vanstavern, 46, of Farmington.

The two men inside the car tried to run into the woods but were caught. Wheeltey identified

the men as persons of interest in the ongoing investigation. No charges were immediately filed.

2 charged with stealing money from toll baskets

NJ MAYS LANDING — New Jersey state police said two people were charged with stuffing material into toll baskets on the Atlantic City Expressway to prevent coins from going in and then returning to steal the money.

Troopers said Monday that Angela Freeman-Poles, 54, and Aljah Reeves, 57, were arrested and charged with theft.

The South Jersey Transportation Authority had alerted investigators about several toll basket failures and toll shortages at the Exit 5 entrance and exit ramps.

Police said the Atlantic City residents were captured on surveillance footage tampering with the baskets and stealing coins.

Both suspects are jailed on \$35,000 bail.

Tickets revoked for 2 over offensive costumes

WI MADISON — University of Wisconsin-Madison officials have revoked season tickets for two football fans who dressed in an offensive costume.

The unidentified men wore a costume at the Oct. 29 game against Nebraska that involved one wearing masks of President Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton with nooses around their necks. The other wore a Donald Trump mask and led the first man around by the noose.

The Wisconsin State Journal reported Chancellor Rebecca Blank told the faculty senate Monday the tickets were revoked because their holder brought in a prohibited item and didn't follow directions from stadium staff.

Security officers asked the men to remove the noose but photos taken later showed they had put the noose back on.

From wire reports

FACES



A brand new day

Green Day
bassist
Mike Dirnt
ready to
forget past
few years

By LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

Green Day is back with "Revolution Radio," and bassist Mike Dirnt couldn't be happier to leave the past few years behind him.

The founding member of the punk trio with boyhood friend Billie Joe Armstrong spent the year helping his wife, Brittney Cade, through breast cancer treatment. She documented the journey on Instagram, where she's known as @batmansmom.

"Revolution Radio," which debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard charts, is the band's first album since Armstrong headed to rehab for alcohol and prescription drug abuse after a guitar-smashing, profanity-infused meltdown onstage at the iHeartRadio music festival in 2012.

AP: So you're touring for the first time in quite a while. How does that feel?

Dirnt: Yeah, it's really great. You know, everybody's healthy and firing on all cylinders. The album is doing really great everywhere. It's crazy because when I'm onstage now I think I have more energy than I ever have. I think it's taking care of yourself. I work out before every show, you know. Push-ups, prayers and vitamins.

Does it feel like a long time between albums? It's been four years.

Um, yes, but it was a necessary break. We had some health issues to deal with, you know. Billie had to deal with his stuff and my wife went through a really serious bout of breast cancer. She's doing great. She's in full remission after chemotherapy and nine surgeries. It was nice to have that time and be able to focus on her recovery.

So tell me about inspirations for the new album?

You always want to spend some time at home so you can pull from actual life and have genuine things to write about. As we got closer to the end of the writing process, one of the main themes running through the record, I feel, is actually gratitude. But we're also always going to call things as we see them.

Musically, do you still feel connected to your roots? You and Billie were 14 when you started your first band.

Me and Billie met when we were 10 years old. Some of our first conversations were about songwriting. There wasn't a whole lot to aspire to when we were teenagers, so music was our outlet and our passion. If you have that, you don't let go of it. It's something beautiful. I always had music to look forward to.

The band, including wild-eyed drummer Tre Cool, will be performing in Europe starting in January, and will launch its 2017 Revolution Radio North American Tour in March to promote the new album, received favorably by critics with their usual political and rebel themes — and a touch of the personal in lyrics from Armstrong. "Bang Bang," a No. 1 hit on the alternative charts, was inspired by the rise of gun violence in the U.S. and told partially from the point of view of a mass shooter.

Dirnt, 46, a father of three, has also stayed busy with his two diners in his native Northern California and with Oakland Coffee Works, a nearly three-year-old company he co-owns with Armstrong that's focused on selling sustainably grown organic beans.

A conversation with Mike Dirnt.

Your biological mom was a heroin addict. You were adopted and your parents divorced when you were seven. At 15, you were renting a room from Billie's mom outside of Oakland. Is adoption something you feel passionate about as an adult?

I dunno. Not really. My mother who adopted me is Chippewa Indian, and she gave me a lot of love. It wasn't always easy, but I always had friends who had it harder than me. I finally met my biological mother a month before she passed away a few years ago ...

Everybody comes from somewhere, is the way I look at it. There's a million ways to get to a good place. Some people do it by trying to not be their parents. Other people do it by trying to be their parents, and other people do it by figuring out who they are along the way.

Prince Harry condemns media 'abuse' of girlfriend

By DANICA KIRKA
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Associated Press

Prince Harry condemned the media for subjecting girlfriend Meghan Markle to "a wave of abuse and harassment," issuing a highly unusual statement Tuesday that confirmed his relationship with the American actress and expressed concern for her safety.

Harry's office said that while the 32-year-old prince understood that there was significant curiosity about his private life, a line had been crossed in terms of media intrusion. Harry said the statement was issued in hopes that media driving the story will "pause."

"Prince Harry is worried about Ms. Markle's safety and is deeply disappointed that he has not been able to protect her," said the statement from Kensington Palace. "It is not right that a few months into a relationship with him that Ms. Markle should be subjected to such a storm."

The 35-year-old Markle is best known for playing paralegal Rachel Zane in the TV legal drama "Suits." She has also worked with the United Nations on gender equality and is a global ambassador for the charity World Vision Canada.

Tabloids in Britain and beyond have latched on to the story and speculated about the relationship for weeks, with many commenting on her mixed-race heritage and contrasting her background



Markle



Prince Harry

with the prince's. The palace said the harassment has "been very public — the smear on the front page of a national newspaper; the racial undertones of comment pieces; and the outright sexism and racism of social media trolls and web article commenters."

One Daily Mail headline called her a "saucy divorcee." Another described her ancestors as "a tailor, a teacher and a cleaner in racially-divided Jim Crow South — while his were ruling the British Empire."

Harry said the commentators will say this is "the price she has to pay" and that "this is all part of the game."

The palace said that Harry "strongly disagrees."

"This is not a game — it is her life and his," the statement said.

The scrutiny of the relationship drew immediate parallels to the media scrutiny of Harry's mother, the late Princess Diana, who died in a 1997 car accident while being pursued by paparazzi. It also draws comparisons to the early revelations that the former Kate Middleton was dating Prince William. That relationship was also the subject of relentless media attention.

But choosing to tackle the issue directly is unusual for the palace, which generally refrains from discussions on the personal lives of the royal family.

The palace said some of the harassment hasn't been apparent to the public. It said Markle's mother has struggled to get past photographers to gain entry to her front door, reporters and photographers have tried to gain illegal entry to her home, her ex-boyfriend has been offered bribes while friends and co-workers have been bombarded for data.

Harry said the statement was issued in hopes that the media "can pause and reflect before any further damage is done."

Children to remain in Jolie Pitt's care

Angelina Jolie Pitt will continue to have sole custody of her six children with Brad Pitt in a joint agreement reached by the actors, a representative for the actress said Monday.

The voluntary agreement calls for the former couple's six children, who range in ages from 8 to 15, to continue to have "therapeutic visits" with Pitt for the time being. It is unclear what therapeutic visits entail.

Monday's statement said the agreement was reached more than a week ago, although Pitt told a court Nov. 4 that he is seeking joint custody.

Jolie Pitt filed for divorce in September, days after Pitt was involved in a disturbance during a private flight with his family. She cited irreconcilable differences as the reason for the breakup, and an attorney said at the time she filed for divorce "for the health of the family."

The statement makes no mention of an investigation by child

welfare workers into the plane incident.

The agreement has not been filed in the couple's divorce, and might not be the final custody arrangement governing the actors' children.

Garth Brooks to advise 'Voice' contestants

Garth Brooks is getting into the advice business.

NBC said Monday that Brooks will be a key adviser on "The Voice" in the episode airing next week, mentoring the show's top 12 contestants.

Brooks, back in music after a 13-year break, was honored as Entertainer of the Year at the recent Country Music Association Awards. He's on an extended tour, with his wife, Trisha Yearwood.

"The Voice" airs Tuesdays and Wednesdays on AFN-Pulse.

From The Associated Press

After a few tough years personally and professionally, Green Day bassist Mike Dirnt is ready to move forward. The band is touring next year to promote its new album, "Revolution Radio."

VINCENT JANNINO/AP

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Report of different phone model exploding

Associated Press

PARIS — A Samsung phone user in France says her Galaxy J5 smartphone caught fire and exploded on Sunday. The model is different from the Galaxy Note 7 that has been recalled worldwide.

Lamy Bouyirdane told The Associated Press on Monday that she noticed the phone was very hot after she asked her 4-year-old son to pass it over during a family gathering at her home. She said

she threw the phone away when she realized it had "swollen up" and smoke was coming out.

"I panicked when I saw the smoke, and I had the reflex to throw it away," said Bouyirdane, a mother of three in the southwestern French city of Pau.

The phone then caught fire and the black blew off. Her partner quickly extinguished it.

Bouyirdane said she bought the phone new last June on a website offering discounts.

The South Korean company

recently recalled millions of its Galaxy Note 7 smartphones globally because of a problem that caused the batteries to overheat and catch fire.

William Stofega, a mobile analyst for International Data Corp., said the incident in France was most likely an isolated one, noting that the phone has been on the market for several months now and this is the first report of a battery fire that he's aware of. "These reports tend to cluster," he said.

He added that problems involving lithium-ion batteries used in not just smartphones but also laptop computers have been around for years, and there's no easy fix for them.

Manufacturing defects or even a small amount of damage can cause a short circuit, resulting in an overheated battery and potentially a fire.

Samsung said in a statement that it cannot comment on the case yet because the company has not investigated it.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Nov. 9)	\$1.1328
Dollar buys (Nov. 9)	60.8828
British pound (Nov. 9)	\$1.27
Japanese yen (Nov. 9)	102.00
South Korean won (Nov. 9)	1,110.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.2378
Canada (dollar)	1.3373
China (Yuan)	6.7869
Denmark (Krone)	6.7357
Egypt (Pound)	17.9975
Euro	\$1.1044/0.9055
Hong Kong (Dollar)	1.7553
Hungary (Forint)	276.56
Israel (Shekel)	3.8137
Japan (Yen)	104.67
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3028
Norway (Krone)	2.2568
Philippines (Peso)	48.63
Poland (Zloty)	3.32
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7506
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3897
South Korea (Won)	1,135.46
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9755
Thailand (Baht)	35.00
Turkey (Lira)	1.1702

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonmilitary currency exchange rates (i.e., purchases for reference when buying currency, all figures are foreign currencies to the dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.50
Account with no overdraft	3.25
Federal funds market rate	0.36
3-month bill	0.40
30-year bond	2.60

MARKET WATCH

Nov. 7, 2016	
Dow Jones industrials	371.32
	18,259.60
Nasdaq composite	119.80
	5,166.17
Standard & Poor's 500	46.34
	2,131.52
Russell 2000	28.81
	1,192.25

Tesla to end unlimited free use of superchargers

Associated Press

DETROIT — Electric carmaker Tesla Motors Inc. has decided to stop offering unlimited free use of its 734 fast-charging stations worldwide, just months before it's scheduled to start selling a mass-market electric car.

Tesla said cars ordered after

Jan. 1, 2017, will get roughly 1,000 miles worth of credits each year for use at the supercharger stations. After the credits are used, owners will have to pay fees, which Tesla didn't detail on Monday. Vehicles ordered or sold on or before Jan. 1 would still get unlimited free charging.

The move means that those who buy Tesla's mass-market, \$35,000 Model 3, which is due to go on sale in the second half of next year, won't get unlimited free charging.

Tesla has more than 300,000 reservations for the cars, and if all those owners started using supercharger stations for free that could get expensive for Tesla.

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Thursday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Able, Texas	60	51	Cldy	Chatanooga	66	50	Pcldy	Fort Wayne	53	41	Pcldy	Louisville	58	46	Pcldy
Akron, Ohio	49	45	Cldy	Chicago	55	39	Cldy	Fresno	78	53	Cldy	Lubbock	56	41	Cldy
Albany, N.Y.	49	42	Rain	Cincinnati	53	44	Cldy	Goodland	66	30	Cldy	Macon	75	45	Cldy
Albuquerque	61	39	Cldy	Cleveland	50	46	Cldy	Grand Junction	51	39	Pcldy	Medford	64	45	Pcldy
Allentown, Pa.	58	45	Rain	Colorado Springs	66	32	Cldy	Great Falls	70	46	Cldy	Memphis	66	52	Cldy
Amarillo	60	34	Pcldy	Columbia, S.C.	74	45	Pcldy	Greensboro, N.C.	61	47	Cldy	Miami Beach	82	67	Cldy
Anchorage	39	33	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	74	52	Pcldy	Hartford	55	47	Rain	Midland-Odessa	57	48	Cldy
Asheville	59	44	Pcldy	Columbus, Ohio	51	44	Cldy	Harrisburg	55	47	Rain	Milwaukee	53	39	Cldy
Atlanta	69	52	Pcldy	Concord, N.H.	53	37	Rain	Hartford	56	37	Rain	Minneapolis	58	36	Cldy
Atlantic City	60	44	Rain	Corpus Christi	76	64	Cldy	Helena	63	37	Cldy	Missoula	57	25	Cldy
Austin	69	52	Pcldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	69	58	Cldy	Honolulu	84	69	Cldy	Mobile	67	57	Cldy
Baltimore	58	49	Rain	Dayton	51	43	Cldy	Houston	73	63	Cldy	Montgomery	76	52	Cldy
Baton Rouge	72	60	Cldy	Daytona Beach	75	62	Cldy	Huntsville	66	52	Pcldy	Nashville	62	51	Cldy
Bilings	67	42	Cldy	Denver	72	36	Cldy	Indianapolis	59	43	Pcldy	New Orleans	72	65	Cldy
Birmingham	71	53	Pcldy	Des Moines	60	39	Cldy	Jackson, Miss.	71	55	Cldy	St. Petersburg	77	68	Cldy
Bismarck	71	35	Cldy	Detroit	51	43	Cldy	Jacksonville	75	56	Cldy	St. Thomas	87	77	Pcldy
Boise	67	46	Cldy	El Paso	54	34	Cldy	Janeau	47	41	Rain	St. Louis	66	44	Cldy
Boston	57	44	Rain	El Paso	63	47	Pcldy	Kansas City	60	36	Cldy	St. Paul	66	44	Cldy
Bridgeport	58	44	Rain	Elkins	50	44	Rain	Key West	82	73	Cldy	San Antonio	63	48	Pcldy
Brownsville	79	66	Cldy	Erie	49	46	Cldy	Knoxville	59	48	Pcldy	San Diego	87	63	Cldy
Buffalo	47	45	Cldy	Eugene	65	51	Rain	Lake Charles	74	62	Cldy	San Francisco	71	56	Pcldy
Burlington, Vt.	45	36	Cldy	Evansville	59	44	Cldy	Lansing	59	44	Cldy	San Jose	63	53	Pcldy
Caribou, Maine	45	36	Cldy	Fairbanks	23	5	Cldy	Las Vegas	80	59	Cldy	Santa Fe	60	31	Cldy
Casper	67	37	Cldy	Fargo	62	37	Cldy	Lexington	53	46	Cldy	St. Marie	61	51	Cldy
Charleston, S.C.	71	48	Pcldy	Flagstaff	60	32	Cldy	Lincoln	62	33	Cldy	San Antonio	63	48	Pcldy
Charleston, W.Va.	53	47	Cldy	Flint	49	40	Cldy	Little Rock	67	54	Pcldy	Seattle	60	52	Cldy
Charlotte, N.C.	67	47	Pcldy	Fort Smith	70	51	Pcldy	Los Angeles	92	63	Cldy	Shreveport	71	58	Cldy

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OPINION

Duterte bandwagoning with China

By JOHN R. DENI
Special to the Los Angeles Times

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte is on a tear. In just the last three weeks, he has expressed a desire to separate his country from the United States, declared his intention to kick U.S. military personnel out of the Philippines, and appeared ready to drop territorial sovereignty claims in the South China Sea in return for investment guarantees from Beijing.

Duterte's behavior might be considered brazen, boorish, even occasionally entertaining. But what's worth noting is what it tells us about the state of alliance politics in the Indo-Asia-Pacific. As China has grown in economic, geopolitical and military power, its neighbors have reacted all most uniformly negatively. The specter of Chinese domination in East and Southeast Asia unnerves and in some cases outright terrifies China's neighbors.

To balance that shift in power, China's neighbors can increase their own economic and military strength in two ways. First, they can increase their power internally, for example, by spending more on defense. In fact, there is evidence that China's neighbors have begun buying more weapons and building larger militaries.

Second, countries can increase their power externally through alliances and partnerships. Almost every one of the smaller countries neighboring China has taken that approach, most of them seeking closer ties to the United States. The United States is more powerful than China along any number of measures, China represents a greater threat because of its proximity to the countries of East and Southeast Asia.

The re-establishment of relations between Myanmar and the United States, Vietnam's growing closeness with Washington, Singapore's agreement to host U.S. military forces, and even the Philippines' 2014 agreement to readmit U.S. troops to military bases after 25 years are all ef-



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Chinese President Xi Jinping, right, shows the way to Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte during a welcome ceremony in Beijing last month.

forts to balance externally. From a political science perspective, those represent completely normal responses to perceived threats.

So what do we make of Duterte's current willingness to throw his relationship with the United States under the bus? What appears to be happening is another phenomenon familiar to political scientists: bandwagoning. In this case, a threatened, less powerful country essentially capitulates — perhaps because it cannot afford to build up its military, because there is no other external power with which to ally or because the extent of domination makes resistance futile.

The classic example here is Finland during the Cold War. The extent of Soviet influence on Finland's foreign, economic and military policies was so great that today we refer to such a bandwagoning scenario as "Finlandization." In those situations, weaker countries essentially become at best the vassal states of more powerful neighbors or at worst de facto satellites.

In the case of the Philippines, Duterte's government seems on the verge of shifting its loyalty to Beijing — essentially, Finlandization. During Duterte's visit to China late last month, he announced not simply that "security" would be provided by Russia, but he also concluded that "America has

now lost," and as a result he was moving to become "dependent" on China. In exchange, the Philippines has evidently renounced fishing access around the disputed Scarborough Shoal.

If the Philippines is realigning its foreign policy, it's not much the U.S. can do about it. It's foolhardy as well as impractical for Washington to entreat the Philippines to maintain an alliance it doesn't want.

The prudent course for the U.S. to respect the wishes of Manila, scrupulously avoid any interference in Philippine politics and stay ready to re-engage. Meanwhile, the United States must also continue efforts — unilaterally if necessary — to ensure freedom of navigation in the international waters of the South China Sea.

There are plenty of reasons, though, to believe the Philippines is not engaged in a strategic realignment. Duterte has yet to renounce the 65-year-old mutual defense treaty between his country and the U.S. More importantly, our two countries have deep economic, political, societal and cultural ties that need not be severed in a security relationship. A single Philippine president is unlikely to succeed in cutting them outright.

From a broader geopolitical perspective, Washington also probably has little to fear. Throughout its rise, China has proved it has two strategic left feet. For instance, it has often offended the sensibilities, and sometimes the sovereignty, of its neighbors and failed to grasp the security dilemmas it generates throughout the region. As a result, U.S. treaty allies in Asia have tightened their relations with Washington, while nonparty partners such as Vietnam have also moved closer to the United States that seemed highly unlikely a generation ago. Although Duterte's anti-American rants may sound like music to the ears of Chinese leadership, it doesn't make China less threatening to its neighbors.

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Ukraine hackers embarrass Putin's government

By ARTHUR I. CYR
Special to Stars and Stripes

At the end of October, hackers based in Ukraine claimed to have hacked sensitive emails at the top of Russia's government. An enormous mass of information has been released. The target of the hacking is Vladimir V. Surkov, a top Russian official and close adviser of President Vladimir Putin. He is now in charge of Ukraine policy.

The pervasive public controversy connected with Hillary Clinton's emails overshadows the Russia-Ukraine story. More attention — and analysis — is deserved.

The information released appears to be genuine. The Atlantic Council, a respected Washington policy institute, vouches for that. The New York Times has shared with several correspondents of Surkov who testify the released documents are authentic.

The documents confirm Russia's direct interference in the domestic affairs of Ukraine after the ouster in 2014 of President Viktor Yanukovich, a Putin ally who fled to Russia. Putin annexed Crimea, a territory of Ukraine, and has intervened in eastern Ukraine with forces described as "volunteers."

Russia's Black Sea fleet is headquartered in Crimea, where support for Russia is relatively strong. The European Union and the Obama administration aggres-

sively protested the invasion and imposed sanctions, no idle gesture given the structural weakness of Russia's economy.

The violence within Ukraine reflects a wider tug-of-war for alliance and influence between the EU and Russia. That competition also encourages NATO involvement, at least indirectly. Also in 2014, Ukraine reached an agreement for association with the EU.

For the United States as well as the EU and NATO, effective policy must be put in broad historical context. George Kennan, probably the most perceptive American analyst of Russia, wrote in 1954 that Soviet leaders "are not like ... us." War to the death with Nazi Germany has had a profound continuing impact on the nation, including the current generation. Totalitarianism fed traditional anxieties regarding territory and national security.

Contemporary Islamic extremism adds to ethnic tensions. Putin has successfully contained various separatist movements in Russia, notably in Chechnya. Chechen President Ramzan Kadyrov was previously a powerful separatist leader but is now allied with Moscow. Vladimir Surkov is of Chechen descent.

The tough-talking officials of the George W. Bush administration pressed eastern expansion of NATO, including membership by both Georgia and Ukraine. Not surprisingly, Russia became alarmed.

During this period, Georgia launched a military attack on breakaway South Osse-

tia. In reaction, the Russian Army in 2008 invaded. French President Nicolas Sarkozy brokered the cease-fire; the Bush administration did nothing.

Ethnic instability is endemic to the region. During World War II, Soviet dictator Josef Stalin suddenly supported the sizable population of Moslem Turkic peoples in Georgia as part of a vast relocation of an estimated 1.5 million people to Central Asia and Siberia.

Ukraine likewise is historically entangled with Russia in complex ways. The beginning of the Russian revolution in 1917 sparked an independence movement. After years of struggle, Ukraine eventually was absorbed into the new Soviet Union and suffered Stalinist brutality.

Given this history, essential caution should define U.S. policy. The Obama administration in this regard represents an improvement from the Bush boosters.

During the Cold War, effective U.S.-Soviet cooperation focused on specific shared interests, including science. Current developments make cybersecurity promising for limited cooperation, useful and in the national interest of both nations.

Indeed, in the U.S., there is an effort could encourage renewed emphasis on human intelligence, which is relatively neglected. That dimension, always important, was absolutely vital to victory in World War II.

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OPINION

Campaign journalism explained, not exposed

BY PAUL FARHI
The Washington Post

WikiLeaks—which has skulked around the presidential campaign all year—was at it again on Sunday, disclosing still more about the grimy underside of the news.

This time, the stateless group of self-styled anti-secrecy advocates disclosed that a CNN researcher had asked the Democratic National Committee for possible questions to ask Donald Trump in a forthcoming interview.

The sky predictably fell, or at least it did within the conservative media.

“New DNC Emails Expose More DNC Media Clinton Campaign Collusion,” blared the New York Observer (published by Trump’s son-in-law). Its story furnished, “The close relationship the DNC and mainstream media maintained with Clinton throughout the primaries is comparable to propaganda tactics employed in dictatorships.”

The Observer recounted several other alleged incidents of “collusion” before further tsk-tsking, “The media’s unethical relationship has yielded no reprimand besides CNN severing ties with DNC interim chair Donna Brazile after emails revealed she forwarded debate questions to the Clinton campaign ahead of time.”

There’s a reason for that, and it’s not one Trump’s supporters will gladly accept.

Except for Brazile, a nonjournalist whose behavior CNN deemed indefensible, the WikiLeaks emails expose little more than routine, acceptable reporting practices. The “collusion” of collusion than a continuing lesson in how the news gets made, in all its boring glory. People expressing shock over them are either ignorant of long-standing—and yes, bipartisan—reporting methods or are simply trying to score a few more points against the “dishonest” media.

What the WikiLeaks emails show is reporters doing their jobs—in a good way.



Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton speaks to journalists on Oct. 28 during a press conference regarding the FBI’s reopening of its email investigation.

MELINA MARA/The Washington Post

If journalists didn’t do such things, readers and viewers would know less about the candidates, including Hillary Clinton. The news wouldn’t be as complete or as accurate for anyone.

Let’s take the latest revelation, about a CNN researcher polling DNC sources for questions that could be fired at Trump. News organizations sometimes do this sort of thing to flush out so-called opposition research material the news organization might not have found on its own. Soliciting the other side for questions might yield something worthwhile—something that might create a useful and informative exchange with an interview subject, no matter which party he or she represents.

In any case, asking for such ammo implies no commitment on the part of the news organization. The journalist might end up asking a candidate about something such an inquiry turns up. Or he might just ignore the whole thing.

Hence, CNN’s official statement on the matter: “This is completely unremarkable. We have similar communications with Republicans. When preparing for interviews we are regularly sent suggestions from rival campaigns and political parties, both solicited and unsolicited. Casting a wide net to ensure a tough and fair interview isn’t just common media practice, it’s smart.”

How about showing a block of text from

an unpublished story to a source, as Politico reporter Glenn Thrush did in Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta, according to an earlier WikiLeaks dump. This is a less-routine and debatable practice (there are other ways to check a story), but hardly evidence of a conspiracy. What WikiLeaks didn’t mention was that Thrush proffered no commitment to Podesta to change his story if Podesta objected to any statement. Thrush simply wanted to get his facts straight, and Podesta—who had firsthand knowledge—was the best possible source for doing that.

Would readers prefer reporters not check? Rolling Stone magazine didn’t when it accused a group of University of Virginia fraternity brothers of gang-raping a student. How did that work out? WikiLeaks has also seemingly cast shade on Washington Post reporter Juliet Elperin’s “heads up” to Podesta about his appearance in a forthcoming story, and on New York Times magazine reporter Mark Leibovich’s request to move off the record comments from Hillary Clinton to on the record. Both episodes are telling because they illustrate what readers don’t see behind almost every story—the wheeling, coddling and negotiating with the sources in news stories.

What Elperin offered Podesta was a routine courtesy, the kind offered to any

source a reporter hopes to get information from in the future. It would perhaps be more satisfying to slash and burn, and damn the consequences, but neither slashing nor burning is a very good long-term strategy for a journalist who wants people to talk to her again. If you want your stories to be less informed the next time, if you want to be shut out altogether because you’re a jerk, by all means skip the courtesies.

Leibovich (full disclosure: a longtime colleague and friend) also did his readers a solid. He could have accepted the off-the-record terms he agreed to before interviewing the press-averse Clinton. But what would he, and his readers, have gained? Much of what he’d learned would have stayed between him and Clinton. Instead, he pressed Clinton’s palace guard to put in play what was previously off the record—and therefore unreportable—the better to inform everyone outside Clintonville.

It’s always advantageous for a reporter to control his or her terms, but on/off/reopen agreements that favor the source are often the best way to get access to the powerful and the popular.

The important part of the various WikiLeaks dumps is what you don’t see. You don’t see reporters lying, dissembling or fabricating. (At worst, the leaked emails do show one reporter, CNBC’s John Harwood, hectoring Clinton in an effort to get Podesta to grant him an interview with her—a tactic journalists sometimes employ to win favor with reluctant interview subjects; not many insult their way in.)

And you don’t see how they’ve dealt with the other side, or sides, in a political campaign. The impression that Clinton was disproportionately the beneficiary.

Only the deeply partisan will accept the WikiLeaks documents as evidence of journalistic perfidy. But reasonable and honest people will be more reluctant to call foul on behavior that all sides engage in, and that benefits everyone.

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Obama administration misbehavior unpunished

BY ANDREW MALCOLM
Special to McClatchy

These are tense, worrisome times for Americans. Elections are supposed to be divinely inspired, through the vote-counting away.

But this cast of candidate characters with its inappropriate behaviors, remarks and records, coming after eight years of divisive presidential “leadership,” has made things even worse.

And while public attention is naturally focused this week on who won and lost, a far more significant result for the nation also needs resolution: What are the consequences, if any, for these recent years chock-full of so much misbehavior, both public and private?

And while people widely see as cheating, lying and abusing a sacred public trust any public price for their moral malfeasance? Or do they skate free of penalty to enjoy the perceived rewards of power?

We are, of course, talking mostly about the Obama administration and Clinton crew. Let’s look at a few examples.

Remember Fast and Furious, the cockamamie federal gun-running scheme that ended up arming Mexican drug cartels? A Border Patrol agent died. But then-Attorney General Eric Holder stonewalled Congress. He’s now back making big bucks at a law firm. No consequences.

Solyndra, the solar panel company con-

trolled by an Obama campaign bundler, got a half-billion in guaranteed loans. It went under with \$545 million of taxpayer money. Poof. No consequences.

The IRS routinely harassed and stalled conservative groups seeking legitimate tax-exempt status before and during the 2012 election campaign. President Barack Obama professed outrage. The FBI said it could find nothing to prosecute. No consequences.

The Department of Veterans Affairs falsified records to hide outrageous service delays for vets, some of whom died while awaiting treatment. A few officials were shuffled. Congress threw \$1 billion more at the agency. No consequences.

At Hillary Clinton’s urging, Obama enthusiastically backed allied attacks to topple Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi. A mob tore him apart. Clinton celebrated. But no one had planned for the resulting power vacuum. So terrorists now run rampant. No consequences.

Similar “planning” in Iraq allowed the Islamic State group to coalesce and created a yearlong reign of terror. Obama’s returned 5,400 U.S. troops. No consequences.

In Libya, Ambassador Chris Stevens pleaded often with Secretary of State Clinton for additional security. Not only was it denied, the existing security detail was pulled. On Sept. 11, 2012, a well-armed mob killed Stevens and three other Ameri-

cans. No rescue plans were ready. None initiated.

Obama was AWOL that night. Clinton devised an anti-Muslim-video cover story.

A standard review board of Washington cronies, using documents provided by Clinton’s staff and no interview of Clinton, could find no one to blame. Four betrayals. Four deaths. No consequences.

Two State Department employees, however, were disciplined for cooperating with congressional investigators.

Then came Gen. David Petraeus, the lauded senior commander in Afghanistan and Iraq and CIA director. He shared classified material with his biographer, who had security clearance. He was convicted of mishandling national security info, got a \$100,000 fine plus two years’ probation.

You may have heard something about Clinton’s private unsecured email server these last 20 months. Virtually every claim of innocent intention she made at the scandal’s start has proved false.

The FBI was investigating the server—until the latest announcement Sunday that it’s not—and possible conflict of interest with the Clinton Foundation, which raked in millions from foreign sources during her State Department tenure, contrary to promises. And former President Bill Clinton’s speaking fees coincidentally soared. So did his consequences.

Obama claims no knowledge of the un-

authorized server. But we now know he exchanged numerous classified emails with Clinton there, using an alias. A McClatchy-Marist Poll finds many a majority believe she did something illegal.

Trust within democracy is very fragile. Ours is supposed to be a society of laws applied reasonably, equitably. Hence, the blindfold on Lady Justice with the scales.

Polls find that starting with the 2008 recession, Americans’ trust in most of their most important institutions has fallen to historic lows. Gallup found trust in 14 key institutions averages only 32 percent now, down from the mid-40s earlier this century.

Trust in news media, Congress, banks and organized religion tumbled the most. Even trust in the Supreme Court, public schools, police and criminal justice seld. The all-volunteer military stayed steady at the highest trust rating, at 73 percent.

Barely half of his countrymen approve of Obama’s job performance and nearly 2 of 3 say the country is on the wrong track. Dissatisfaction with “the way things are going” stood at 70 percent last month.

All this, sadly, prepares the national soil for enduring suspicions and distrust that continue to corrode the national spirit, even if these elections aren’t rigged.

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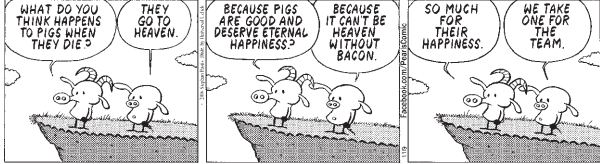
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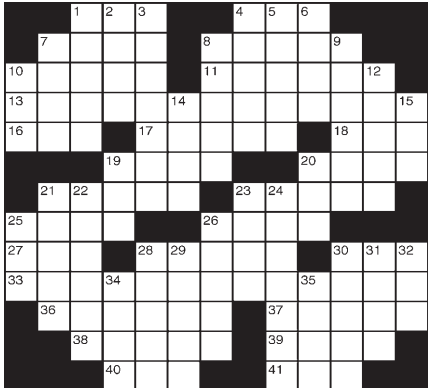
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College basketball

Monday's men's scores

MIDWEST
Doane 83, Bethany (Kan.) 79
EXHIBITION
No. 112, Barton 68
Oakland 88, Grand Valley St. 68

Deals

Monday's transactions

BASEBALL

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Sent C. Adam Moore outright to Columbus (IL). Activated off Michael Brantley and RHP Carlos Carrasco from the 60-day DL.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Exercised their option on RHP Janel Escobar. Designated RHP Cory Rasmus for assignment. Reinstated RHP Matt Thornton to RHP Huston Street. RHP Nick Tropeano, RHP Andrew Heaney, and RHP Garrett Richards from the 60-day DL.

LIGHTNING ATHLETICS — Announced LHP Giovanni Soto was claimed off waivers by the Chicago White Sox.

ST. LOUIS BRUINS — Acquired C Carlos Ruiz from the Los Angeles Dodgers for LHP Vidal Nuno and exercised the 2017 club option on Ruiz.

TEXAS RANGERS — Declined a 2017 club option on LHP Derek Holland. Reinstated 1B-DF Pierre Fielder and RHP Adrian Sampson from the 60-day DL.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CHICAGO CUBS — RHP Jose Rosario moved from Iowa (PCL). Claimed RHP Zach Lutz from the New York Yankees and activated him from the 60-day DL. Activated RHP Aaron Brooks, RHP Zach Lutz, and RHP Christian Colon from the 60-day DL. Activated RHP Jose Rosario from the 60-day DL and sent him outright to Iowa. Sent RHP Andy Arroyo from the 60-day DL to the Cincinnati Reds and C Tim Federowicz outright to Iowa.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Named Bud Black manager.

NEW YORK METS — Reinstated RHP Jacob deGrom from the 60-day DL. Activated RHP Jacob deGrom from the 60-day DL.

ST. LOUIS BRUINS — Signed Erik Greupner to chief operating officer.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Named J. Martinez first base coach and Phil Nevin third base coach.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed general manager Thomas Dimitroff to a three-year contract.

CINCINNATI BEARS — Signed DE Wallace Gilberry.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed FB Joe Kerriedge from the practice squad. Released J. Jermine Matthews.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed TE Matt Schwan from the practice squad. Waived OT Jeff Adams.

MAMI DOLPHINS — Activated CB Chris Clever from the PUP list. Signed CB LaMarr Houston from the practice squad.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed LB Trevor Bivens to the practice squad. Released FB Glenn Gronkowski from the practice squad.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS — Signed WR Jeff Hummel to the practice squad.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed RB David Johnson to the practice squad.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Placed TE Blake Clausen from Baltimore's practice squad on injured reserve.

PGA TOUR — Announced the resignation of commissioner Tim Finchem. Named Jay Monahan commissioner.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Recalled D Anthony DeAngelo and C Tyler Gaudet from the AHL.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Agreed to trade with F DeBrincat on a three-year contract.

DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled LW JT Compher from the Grand Rapids (AHL) Placed LW Thomas Vanek on long-term injured reserve, effective to the end of the season.

LOS ANGELES KINGS — Activated G Jack Campbell from the practice squad. Reinstated G Jack Campbell to Ontario (AHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Assigned D Vojtech Vranek from the practice squad.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Recalled D Anthony DeAngelo from the AHL.

WINNIPEG JETS — Agreed to terms with Jacob Trouba on a two-year contract.

COLLEGE
BAYLOR — Suspended RB Shock Lincoln because of attitude issues.

COLORADO STATE — Announced WR Preston Williams is transferring from Tennessee.

College football

Schedule

Wednesday, Nov. 9
MIDWEST
Bowling Green at Kent State
Toledo vs. N. Illinois at Chicago

Thursday, Nov. 10
SOUTH
North Carolina at Duke
Louisiana-Lafayette at Georgia Southern

FAR WEST
Utah at Arizona State
Friday, Nov. 11

EAST
Harvard at Penn State
Boston College at Florida St.

SOUTH
Saturday, Nov. 12

EAST
Brown at Dartmouth
Sacred Heart at Duquesne
Tulsa at Navy

SOUTH
Albany (NY) at New Hampshire
Wagner at Robert Morris
CSU at St. Francis (Pa.)

EAST
William & Mary at Towson
NC State at Syracuse
Princeton at Yale

SOUTH
Miami (Ohio) at Buffalo
Lafayette at Colgate
Wayne State at Virginia

EAST
Dayton at Marist
James Madison at Villanova
Maine at Stony Brook

SOUTH
Holy Cross at Fordham
Bucknell at Georgetown

SOUTH
Kentucky at Tennessee
Louisville at Alabama
SMU at Arkansas

EAST
Cumberland (Tenn.) at ETSU
North Carolina A&T at UNC-Savannah St. at Hampton

SOUTH
Rhode Island at Elon
North Carolina State at Wake Forest at Charlotte

EAST
Clemson at Chattanooga
Bryant at Coastal Carolina
NC A&T at Davidson

SOUTH
Louisiana-Monroe at Georgia St.
North Carolina at Wake Forest at Howard at NC Central

EAST
North Carolina State at Miami at Virginia
William & Mary at Albion St. at Shreveport, La.

SOUTH
Alabama at Jacksonville St. at Mississippi at UT Martin

EAST
Clemson at Clemson
Charleston Southern at Auburn at Georgia Tech

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North Carolina Tech at Miami at St. Maryland
Southern Miss. at Ole Miss

EAST
Mercer at Samford
William & Mary at Troy
Georgia Tech at Virginia Tech

SOUTH
North Carolina Tech at Tennessee St. E. Kentucky at Furman

EAST
Wake Forest at Louisville
Middle Tennessee at Marshall
South Florida at Memphis

SOUTH
Sam Houston St. at Northwestern St.
Northwestern Christian at Louisiana

MIDWEST
Penn St. at Indiana
Northwestern at Purdue

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West Virginia at Texas

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Southern Ill. at Fairleigh Dickinson
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3. Eastern Washington (1) 1-0 59 4. North Dakota State (1) 1-0 59

5. James Madison (1) 1-0 54 6. The Citadel (1) 1-0 51

7. North Carolina A&T (1) 1-0 49 8. Richmond (1) 1-0 46

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NCAA Division I poll

MINNEAPOLIS — The top 10 teams in the NCAA Division I men's ice hockey poll, compiled by USA Hockey Online, with first place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 6 and previous wins ranked.

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MLB

Lack of labor contract could slow trades and signings

BY RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — With baseball's collective bargaining agreement set to expire Dec. 1, trade talk and free-agent signings could go slowly this offseason.

There was an extra level of uncertainty as major league general managers gathered Monday for the start of their annual meeting, in the shadow of Camelback Mountain.

"We don't know what rules we're playing under," Boston Red Sox president of baseball operations Dave Dombrowski said Monday. "Knowing some of that's important, because I don't really know what we're dealing with, and you wouldn't want something thrust upon you that surprised you — that there were penalties attached that you may not like or you may like."

Negotiators for owners and players have been meeting since spring training, and talks were set to continue this week in Arizona, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because no public statements were authorized.

The sides have not reached agreement on many of the contentious issues, including management's desire for a draft of international amateur players, the threshold where the luxury tax will start next year or whether there will be changes to the draft-pick compensation system for premier free agents. Baseball has not had a work stoppage since 1994-95, and Commissioner Rob Manfred expresses confidence there will be an agreement by December.

"There's certainly uncertainty until they do," agent Scott Boras said. "I'm sure they're going to want to know the impact of it. Why wouldn't you?"

With teams operating under the rules of the old agreement, Toronto slugger Jose Bautista and Edwin Encarnacion, and New York Mets outfielder Yoenis Cespedes and second baseman Neil Walker were among 10 free agents to receive \$17.2 million qualifying offers Monday.

Chicago Cubs outfielder Dexter Fowler, and Los Angeles Dodgers closer Kenley Jansen and third baseman Justin Turner also received the offers, as did major league home run leader Mark Trumbo of Baltimore. Texas outfielder Ian Desmond and Philadelphia pitcher Jeremy Hellickson got qualifying offers, too.

Players have until next Monday to accept. For free agents who decline and sign elsewhere, their new team loses a high selection in next June's amateur draft and their old club gets an extra pick after the first round. Only players who spent the entire season with one team are eligible for qualifying offers.

"The one aspect of the collective bargaining agreement that may not be resolved any time soon is this question of draft-choice compensation, which is probably what could change the market one way or the other," Mets general manager Sandy Alderson said. "I don't think the new rules are going to get more onerous to the players, and it's not clear whether they'll be less onerous for clubs."

None of the 34 qualifying offers was accepted in the first three years of the current labor deal, but among the 20 free agents given offers last year when the price was \$15.8 million, Baltimore catcher Matt Wieters, Houston outfielder Colby Rasmus and Dodgers left-hander Brett Anderson accepted.

Approximately 160 major league free agents can start discussing money terms with all teams on Tuesday. Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said he already reached out to the agent for Aroldis Chapman, the hard-throwing closer who helped the Chicago Cubs win the World Series after a July trade from New York.

Cashman met Friday with Yankees owner Hal Steinbrenner to discuss payroll budget. "I'm not going to tell what the number is, but he gave me a number," Cashman said.

The luxury tax threshold was \$189 million for each of the last three seasons, and a record six teams are projected to pay this year: the Yankees (\$27 million), the Los Angeles Dodgers (\$25 million), Boston (\$6 million), Detroit (\$3.9 million), the Cubs (\$3.7 million) and San Francisco (\$3 million each).

On the last day of the so-called "quiet period" before free-agent negotiations start, the Los Angeles Angels exercised a \$7 million option on third baseman Yunel Escobar, Texas opted to pay a \$1.5 million buyout to left-hander Derek Holland rather than exercise an \$11 million option, and the Seattle Mariners acquired Carlos Ruiz from the Dodgers for left-hander Vidal Nuno and exercised the catcher's \$4.5 million option.

Left-hander Scott Kazmir decided not to opt out of the final two seasons of his contract with the Dodgers, choosing to keep \$32 million in pay rather than become a free agent after going 10-6 with a 4.56 ERA in 26 starts.

Right-hander James Shields kept his contract with the Chicago White Sox rather than become a free agent after tying for the big league lead with 19 losses. The 32-year-old gets \$21 million in each of the next two seasons, with San Diego reimbursing Chicago for \$11 million annually.



BEN MARGOT/AP

The Blue Jays' Edwin Encarnacion, left, and Jose Bautista were among 10 players to receive \$17.2 million qualifying offers from their teams Monday.



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Cubs slugger Kris Bryant and several teammates could soon be hoisting more hardware. The Baseball Writers' Association of America announced Bryant is among the top three vote-getters for NL MVP. Winners will be announced next week.

Bryant, Cubs up for major awards

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fresh off leading the Chicago Cubs to their first World Series title in more than a century, slugger Kris Bryant and several teammates could soon be hoisting more hardware.

Bryant is among the top three vote-getters for the NL MVP award, with Cubs manager Joe Maddon and pitchers Jon Lester and Kyle Hendricks in contention for other honors.

The Baseball Writers' Association of America announced the finalists Monday. Voting was completed before the postseason, and award winners will be announced next week on MLB Network.

A season after he was the NL Rookie of the Year, Bryant hit 39 home runs with 102 RBIs while batting .292. The third baseman also had a league-high 121 runs.

Washington second baseman Daniel Murphy, who batted .347 for the NL East champions, and Dodgers rookie shortstop Corey Seager also are up for NL MVP.

AL batting champion Jose Altuve of Houston, 2014 winner Mike Trout of the Angels and Boston outfielder Mookie Betts are the AL finalists. The MVPs will be announced Nov. 17.

The AL Cy Young Award is between Cleveland ace Corey Kluber, Boston's Rick Porcello and Detroit's Justin Verlander. In the NL, it's Lester, Hendricks or Washington's Max Scherzer on Nov. 16.

Detroit's Michael Fulmer, the Yankees' Gary Sanchez and Cleveland's Tyler Naquin are finalists for AL Rookie of the Year. Seager, Dodgers teammate Kenta Maeda and Washington's Trea Turner are NL contenders, with the top rookies announced next Monday.

Maddon, Washington's Dusty Baker and Dave Roberts of the Dodgers are up for NL Manager of the Year. Cleveland's Terry Francona, who guided his team into the World Series, Texas' Jeff Banister and Baltimore's Buck Showalter are the AL candidates. Those honors will be awarded Nov. 15.

The Cubs led the majors with 103 wins during the regular season.

Last year, Chicago won three major awards after reaching the NL Championship Series. In addition to Bryant earning rookie honors, Maddon was the NL Manager of the Year and pitcher Jake Arrieta took home the NL Cy Young Award.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL



TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

TCU cornerback Julius Lewis (24) dives to challenge Baylor wide receiver Ishmael Zamora as Zamora drops a pass from Seth Russell in the first half Saturday in Waco, Texas.

Baylor tries to put focus on field after two losses

Grobe targeting right battles after show of support for Briles

Associated Press

WACO, Texas — Acting head coach Jim Grobe said Monday he has talked to Baylor's assistant coaches, all from former coach Art Briles' staff, about staying focused on football for the final four games of the regular season.

"I think we're in a situation where everybody wants their perspective to be known, and I don't think that's a bad thing. ... So I would not say that I want to put a muzzle on our coaches," Grobe said. "My problem is I want to focus on the 100-plus great kids and I don't think we can do that if we're fighting other battles right now."

The Bears are coming off a 62-22 home loss to TCU, their second consecutive loss after a 6-0 start. On the night before that game, the assistant coaches and several staff members issued a statement on Twitter expressing their support for Briles, who was fired in May. They were disputing claims by school regents that Briles knew of an alleged rape.

With the players wearing all-black uniforms Saturday, as selected by seniors for the rivalry game, a group sold black T-shirts supporting the popular former coach outside the stadium before the game. The shirts had the hashtag "#CAB," which stands for "Coach Art Briles." A banner with those letters was flown from a luxury suite inside the stadium

"I just think if you get too caught up in making statements, you play terrible, and that's happened."

Jim Grobe

Baylor acting head football coach

during the game, and some players reportedly had those initials on black bandanas they wore.

"I have no problems that they care about Coach Briles," Grobe said. "I just think if you get too caught up in making statements, you play terrible, and that's happened. ... I'd like for everybody to spend a little more time focusing on football."

After their worst home loss since 2005, the Bears (6-2, 3-2 Big 12) play Saturday at Big 12-leading and ninth-ranked Oklahoma (7-2, 6-0). The Sooners will have two top running backs returning while the Bears have benched career rushing leader Shock Linwood for attitude issues.

Baylor quarterback Seth Russell said Monday that players and coaches have talked about being 100 percent focused on football for the rest of the season.

"Coaches came in yesterday, and said they feel like they let that stuff kind of get to them a little bit, and they're not going to let that happen anymore," Russell said. "They're going to stay focused on

us. ... If we lose, it's our name-on-it type deal, and they don't want to get embarrassed like we did last week. Coming off the field, we didn't feel like Baylor."

None of the assistant coaches has been available to speak with the media this season.

Grobe said he has no questions about whether the assistant coaches care about and are fully invested in the players. But he also understands that their focus can be affected.

The tweet Friday night was in response to what four Baylor regents said in a meeting with editorial board of the Dallas Morning News. The previous week, before the Bears lost by one point at Texas, there was a Wall Street Journal article when regents first provided some details about some of the allegations.

"It just seems like every week something's going to come out, and a lot of times, it's a rehash," Grobe said. "I'm not so sure it's not a culmination, it just built and built and built and built until finally it's a boiling point."

Killer instincts help PSU put teams away

By TRAVIS JOHNSON

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — As games wear on, Saquon Barkley can sense when defenders want no part of him.

Hands resting on hips is a good indicator. Labored breathing at the bottom of piles is another that Penn State's offense has opponents on their heels.

Such was the case Saturday in Penn State's 41-14 win over Iowa. It has been a trend in the middle of the season for the No. 12 Nittany Lions (7-2, 5-1 Big Ten, No. 12 CFP). They've developed a killer instinct and offensive coordinator Joe Moorhead's offense is putting teams away emphatically.

"You can kind of see it in the defense's demeanor when you're gashing them," Barkley said. "Coach Moorhead instills in the offense to have that killer mentality. To finish them."

Penn State's longest conference winning streak since 2011 has been fueled by an offense that is taking advantage of late turnovers and is powering through defensive fronts with a two-headed rushing attack that also features quarterback Trace McSorley whose completion percentage is at its best over the final 15 minutes.

"That's something that we kind of pride ourselves on — not too heavily relying on one thing," wide receiver Chris Godwin said. "We work really hard in practice to come out and prove that and I think we did a great job of doing so."

The Nittany Lions are averaging 41.2 points per game over their last four and are scoring more than half of those points in the final two quarters. They've added 21 points off of three fourth-quarter turnovers during the winning streak in which their offensive line is moving the line of scrimmage.

Not counting kneeling 135 yards, Penn State is averaging 13.5 yards

in each of its last four fourth quarters and has shredded defenses with seven plays of 20-plus yards at that span.

Barkley's sensational skill set has been a major factor. The sophomore back has scored on long plays to begin each of the last two fourth quarters. A 44-yard reception against the Hawkeyes was the latest deflator and he turned in an 81-yard run through an exhausted Purdue defense two weeks ago.

"Our offensive line is doing a great job at the line of scrimmage," Godwin said. "As the game starts to wear down, they start to put more and more pressure on teams. You can kind of sense that they just want to get it over with."

Slow starts that dogged the Nittany Lions early in the season also taught them a valuable lesson.

"We know how it is to be a second-half team, how to be able to be down and come back in the games that were over, so when you get the chance and you're up early, you've got to step on the pedal and finish them."

Although Moorhead's offense is typically described as "up-tempo," Penn State actually uses a good portion of the play clock rather than rush from snap to snap. The Nittany Lions never huddle, however, and do require players to get set quickly so they have time to look to the sideline for Moorhead's play calls after he's surveyed the defense.

An offseason dedicated to nutrition helped offensive linemen replace fat with lean muscle in order to handle the rigors of such an offense in which they spend more time in their stances.

"We can play with any defense," offensive guard Ryan Bates said. "We're more conditioned than any defense that we play because we've got so much practice and so much conditioning in this offense. We've come a long way and we're getting pretty close to perfecting it."



ABBY DREY, CENTRE DAILY TIMES/AP

Penn State running back Saquon Barkley leaps over Iowa defenders on Saturday. The Nittany Lions are averaging 41.2 points per game over their last four games.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL



RICHARD SHIRO/AP

Clemson quarterback Deshaun Watson drops back to pass during the first half of Saturday's game against Syracuse in Clemson, S.C. No. 3 Watson won 54-0 to improve to 9-0 this season.

Banged-up Clemson QB should play against Pitt

By PETE IACOBELLI
Associated Press

CLEMSON, S.C. — The Deshaun Watson watch is on at No. 3 Clemson.

The Tigers' Heisman Trophy contender fell hard on his right, throwing shoulder Saturday just before halftime in a 54-0 win over Syracuse and did not return. Clemson coach Dabo Swinney and Watson both said he could've returned, but with the Tigers (9-0, 6-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) already up by four touchdowns at the break, it wasn't necessary.

Watson appeared with an ice pack on his shoulder in postgame interviews. He was not available for his regular Monday media session because he was taking treatment on the sore shoulder. A Clemson spokesman said he might be available on Tuesday.

Clemson co-offensive coordinator Tony Elliott was confident Watson would be behind center when the Tigers try to wrap up the ACC Atlantic Division against Pitt (5-4, 2-3) on Saturday.

Watson's roommate, receiver Artavis Scott, was also confident he'd catch passes from his long-time teammate.

"It's football," Scott said Monday. "Everybody's banged up. He'll be fine."

Watson, the 6-foot-3, 215-pound junior, has been a extremely durable the past two seasons in leading Clemson to a 23-1 record — the lone loss coming to Ala-

By the numbers

23-1

Clemson's record over the past two seasons with Deshaun Watson as the starting quarterback.

2,497

Number of yards Watson has thrown for this season while completing 64.4 percent of his passes.

370

Number of yards Watson has rushed for this season on 95 carries, an average of 3.9 yards per play.

SOURCE: ESPN.com

bama 45-40 in last January's national championship game. Watson has been the main cog

of a fast-paced offense where he's expected to move the chains with his legs along with his accurate arm. He became the first player in the Football Bowl Subdivision to throw for more than 4,000 yards and run for more than 1,000 last year.

Watson finished 2015 with 491 passes and 207 carries, without suffering any major injuries. That's why most orange-clad fans in Death Valley held their breath when Watson jogged to the sidelines with Clemson in the midst of a TD drive right before the half.

He came down hard on the shoulder after a tackle by Syracuse defenders Davion Ellison and Rodney Williams. Watson threw incomplete on the next play before leaving the game for good.

Swinney said Watson looked good on Sunday, would receive treatment Monday and that he would "get him back in practice the early part of the week."

Watson cracked a collarbone during his first spring practice in 2014, then injured a finger in a start against Louisville that same season. Watson returned four games later at Georgia Tech, but left that game early with a knee bruise.

Watson missed the next game before playing with a braced-up, torn ACL — Swinney said he tore it in practice that week and not against Georgia Tech — as the Tigers ended a humiliating, unprecedented five-game losing streak to rival South Carolina.

Youth: New coaches energize the fan bases

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according to Daniel Parker, the vice president and managing director of sports for Parker Executive Search, based in Atlanta. Parker helps programs identify coaching candidates and hire them.

"Bringing in somebody that's got a lot of energy, that's going to change the program, recruit really well, work really hard, that does something for the fan base. It re-energizes the athletics department. Re-energizes the fans," Parker said.

Miles told Sports Illustrated last week he has "10 or 12 years left in me." An out-of-date offense was a big part of why Miles was ousted, but he says he is willing to change and evolve his philosophies.

Recent history suggests the demand for Miles could be limited.

In 2010 and '11, four coaches who were at FBS teams, two each season. Since, Mike Riley, who went from Oregon State to Nebraska after the 2014 season, is the only 60-or-older coach to be hired as an FBS head coach.

"I think it's going to be up to Les as to what he's interested in doing," said Jeff Hughes, of executive search firm Korn Ferry. "He's been at a powerful school. Does he think he wants to be at that level or will he be satisfied with something a little less that would allow him to stay in a Power Five school but not have the same kind of aura and tradition that LSU did?"

MacK Brown was 62 when he was pushed out at Texas after the 2013 season. He also has Hall of Fame-worthy credentials, but his last few years with the Longhorns

when he went 30-21 overshadowed his string of nine straight double-digit victory seasons and a national title at Texas. Former coaches such as Brown and Phillip Fulmer, who was pushed out by Tennessee after the 2008 season at age 58, end up being defined by their awkward exits instead of their long runs of success. Fans rarely want the coach

some other school just discarded.

Brown said he still has not ruled out coaching again, but he is not actively pursuing jobs. "I do think so many of the athletic directors and presidents have to listen to their boosters, and a lot of their boosters want whatever the hot name is," Brown said.

The last hiring cycle also had the highest percentage of college coordinators and assistants with no head-coaching experience to become head coaches at Power Five schools since 2010.

Five of the 12 Power Five openings went to assistants and none was older than 43. Most notably, Georgia hired 40-year-old Kirby Smart, the former longtime Alabama defensive coordinator and Georgia

alum, and USC promoted former Trojans offensive coordinator Clay Helton, 43, after he served as interim coach.

The allure for programs is in potentially finding a coach to define the program long-term. Bob Stoops was a 39-year-old defensive coordinator when Oklahoma hired him in 1999, and Mark Richt was 41 with no head-coaching experience when he left an assistant's job at Florida State to become Georgia's coach in 2001.

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Former Texas coach



CURTIS COMPTON, ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION/AP

Georgia coach Kirby Smart has had a difficult first season at his alma mater. The Bulldogs are 5-4 (3-4 in the Southeastern Conference).

HIGH SCHOOL/NFL

Far East cross country meet

Kinnick, Yokota win overall team titles

ASIJ's Watanuki completes individual triple

Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Given the icy wind that chilled Lisa Watanuki after she'd crossed the finish line and made Far East cross country meet history, she couldn't summon the energy to do much other than find a sweatshirt and sweatpants to ward off the cold.

"I want to put on something warm" were some of her first words after the American School in Japan senior repeated her girls Division I championship. She finished in 19 minutes, 32 seconds — the only girl under 20 minutes on Tuesday, on Misawa's Gosser Memorial Golf Course.

Before Watanuki, no girls runner had ever captured the Asia-Pacific Invitational on Guam and the Kanto Plain finals in Tokyo in October and followed it with a Far East meet victory. Watanuki capped off her years at ASIJ by completing that individual triple two straight years.

"I'm definitely happy, for sure," Watanuki said. "It's been a really good senior year, a good way to end my cross country career."

She was joined on the D-I victory stand by Thomas Richter of St. Mary's, who had never won a race until the Kanto finals.

The Division II titles went to Jeff Ferrand of Yokota and Sarah Francis of Humphreys.

Tuesday's race was run under partly-cloudy skies with temperatures in the low 40s, but with 30-mph gusts, the wind-chill was reported to be 19 degrees in the morning at Misawa, according to the Misawa Weather Flight Face-book page.

Watanuki led from start to finish, taking off ahead of the field and never looking back, coach Kyousoke Suzuki said. Her time was 1:05 better than runner-up Lucy Bailey of Kinnick.

The boys race was much closer. Richter edged Korea boys champion Jack Newton of Seoul American by three seconds.

The cold weather made Richter's legs numb early on, and it "took time for my legs to warm up," he said. Having Newton riding his shoulder "really pushed me."

The Division I team championship went to Kinnick, ending a two-year run by ASIJ, which finished third. Kadena was second.

Red Devils coach Luke Voth said his team needed a heroic effort, especially by the boys team, which Kinnick got, he said.

Kinnick's fourth runner, Josh Minimo, passed 12 runners in the last 2 kilometers, Voth said. "I thought we'd be third or fourth before he did that, but when he did, I thought the boys would place second, which would give us a chance at the [overall] title," Voth said.

Ferrand and D-II girls second-place finisher Ai Robbins helped Yokota earned a 16th Far East banner since it became a small school in November 2014. Coach Dan Galvin credited the back of his lineup for the victory.

"Our fifth runners really ran well," Galvin said, adding they helped break a tie at the top with last year's overall champion St. Maur. "They won us the championship. It was a good effort, all the way around."

While Humphreys finished seventh in D-II, Francis capped a surprise rise to the top of the small-school field, clicking 21:14 to finish 24 seconds ahead of Robbins — and initially was upset, coach Aaron Mundy said, because she'd finished fifth overall.

"I tried as hard as I could and I was hoping to do better," Francis said. "I did my best and I'm happy the way things turned out."

Scoreboard

Far East cross country meet

Tuesday at Misawa Air Base

Division I Boys
St. Mary's 30, Kinnick 27, Seoul American 47, ASIJ 49, Kadena 53, Kubasaki 98
Top 10 finishers: 1. Thomas Richter, ASIJ, 17:44; 2. Minimo, Kinnick, 17:49; 3. Newton, SAHS, 17:04; 4. Akimanzhi Sibo, ASIJ, 17:44; 5. Hayden Bliss, Kadena, 17:20; 6. Paul Silfe, SAHS, 17:22; 7. Leonardo ADe St. Mary's, 17:35; 8. Declan Falls, ASIJ, 17:35; 9. Ryusei Asano, St. Mary's, 17:36; 10. Luke Rogan, ASIJ, 17:46.
Girls
Kadena 29, ASIJ 33, Kinnick 37, Seoul American 46, Kubasaki 78
Top 10 finishers: 1. Lisa Watanuki, ASIJ, 19:32; 2. Bailey, Kinnick, 20:37; 3. Adrianna Gomez, Kadena, 21:07; 4. Elizabeth Joy, Kubasaki, 21:15; 5. Chloe Byrd, SAHS, 21:26; 6. Wren Renquist, Kadena, 21:27; 7. Rissa Elmes, Kinnick, 21:27; 8. Eliza Heuxreux, ASIJ, 21:37; 9. Maica Hernandez, Kadena, 21:47; 10. Emma Wingfield-Hayes, ASIJ, 21:58.
D-II
Yokota 16, Kinnick 4, Kadena 5, American School in Japan 5, Seoul American 6, Kubasaki 10

Division II Boys

Yokota 28, St. Maur 57, Osan 71, Okina 58, Christian 72, Humphreys 76, Zama 91, Perry 107, Edgren 115, King 125, Daegu 141
Top 10 finishers: 1. Jeff Ferrand, Yokota, 17 minutes, 38 seconds; 2. Tony Wachira, OCSI, 17:39; 3. Hunter Lund, Zama, 17:48; 4. Avery Parker, Osan, 17:49; 5. Brennan Seibert, Yokota, 18:18; 6. Jun Royster, Edgren, 18:21; 7. Michael Galvin, Yokota, 18:28; 8. Lorenzo Brown, Perry, 18:33; 9. Anderson Osan, 18:35; 10. Nathan Gillespie, Humphreys, 18:37.
Girls
St. Maur 10, Yokota 49, King 64, Zama 68, Okina 68, Humphreys 86, Edgren 86, Humphreys 87, Osan 102, Daegu 157, Perry incomplete
Top 10 finishers: 1. Sarah Francis, Humphreys, 21 minutes, 14 seconds; 2. Ai Robbins, Yokota, 21:38; 3. Emma Tamaru, Yokota, 21:48; 4. Avery Parker, Osan, 22:11; 5. Jessica Hibler, Zama, 22:22; 6. Kaitlin Greathart, OCSI, 22:38; 7. Jun Hao, St. Maur, 22:38; 8. Allison Barring, Yokota, 22:43; 9. Shanelle Noxon, Kinnick, 22:47; 10. Ayana Nakamura, OCSI, 23:18.
D-III
Yokota 3, St. Maur 3, Okina 3, Zama 3, King 3, Perry 3, Osan 11, Humphreys 12, Edgren 13, Daegu 18, Perry incomplete



Nick Wass/AP

Ravens wide receiver Steve Smith rushes past Steelers Mike Mitchell, back left, and Artie Burns on Sunday in Baltimore. The Ravens snapped a four-game skid, beat a division rival and moved into a tie for first place in the AFC North, but have to put all that behind and prepare to host Cleveland on Thursday.

Ravens must leave Steelers behind, turn focus to Browns

By DAVID GINSBURG

Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — The Baltimore Ravens had very little time to enjoy a victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers, one that lifted them into first place in the AFC North.

Coach John Harbaugh gathered the team for meetings and a practice session Monday, less than 24 hours after Baltimore ended a four-game losing streak by defeating its division rivals 21-14.

Next up: a home game against winless Cleveland on Thursday night. Even though the Ravens waited more than a month to secure their fourth win, they knew there would be nothing to gain by lingering in the moment.

"Normally we come in after the game and watch the film, which is always fun after a victory," linebacker Zachary Orr said. "We didn't do that today. We had to move on to Cleveland. Hopefully, next week we get to look back on two wins."

Harbaugh and his coaching staff began preparing for Cleveland at the same time they were poring over film of the Steelers.

"A lot of work was done last week, a lot of work was done last night and this morning," Harbaugh said after the late afternoon practice session. "We moved right to Cleveland. We didn't spend any time on Pittsburgh as far as reviewing it."

It's been a crazy year for the Ravens, whose 3-0 start included a 25-20 win at Cleveland on Sept. 18 in which they rallied from a 20-point deficit. Now, in spite of a four-game skid — the team's longest since 1997 — they arrived in 2008 — Baltimore reached the

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midpoint of the season tied atop the AFC North with Pittsburgh, a half-game ahead of Cincinnati.

"Since 2012, we haven't really been in a position to win the division this late in the season," Harbaugh noted. "Really, in the end, that's what matters."

The Ravens received contributions from the offense, defense and special teams in taking down the Steelers. Joe Flacco and Mike Wallace collaborated on a 95-yard touchdown, the defense yielded only two first downs over the first 45 minutes, and a blocked punt produced the clinching score.

For the first time in a month, Baltimore put it all together.

"You look in a lot of different areas and see things that were hurting us in a lot of those (previous) games. We've cleaned a lot of that stuff up," Harbaugh said. "That's the beauty of football, especially in the NFL. It's a long season and you have the opportunity to improve."

A misstep against the Browns (0-9) would nullify that win over Pittsburgh in much the same fashion that the 0-4 stretch offset the 3-0 start.

"Veteran teams, good teams, they don't take steps back," linebacker Terrell Suggs said. "They take the next step."

Before the game against the Steelers, Suggs told his teammates, "This game has the potential to define you." Afterward, he told them to forget about it.

"We're going to enjoy this, but it's going to be short-lived," Suggs said. "We've definitely got to move on, and I'm going to do my part and make sure them guys understand that."

Playing with three days rest has become commonplace for NFL teams, but that doesn't make it any easier.

"The game planning is certainly a challenge, but you just do it. Both teams are on the same boat," Harbaugh said. "The physical part of it is different, too. The recovery curve is shorter, so you adjust what you do."

The players get it. Big defensive tackle Brandon Williams would have loved spending Monday at home or in a whirlpool, but that wasn't an option.

"It's the thing we do," he said. "One game down, next one's up. We've got to get our body right, come out Thursday and play our game."



Cleveland Browns (0-9)

at Baltimore Ravens (4-4)

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Scoreboard

American Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	1	0	.875	217	132
Miami	4	4	0	.500	173	182
Buffalo	4	5	0	.444	237	203
N.Y. Jets	3	6	0	.333	173	235
Houston	5	0	0	.625	137	167
Tennessee	4	5	0	.444	217	226
Indianapolis	4	5	0	.444	239	256
Jacksonville	2	6	0	.250	153	215
Baltimore	4	4	0	.500	154	153
Pittsburgh	4	4	0	.500	184	171
Cincinnati	3	4	1	.438	167	189
Cleveland	0	9	0	.000	168	273
Oakland	7	2	0	.778	245	223
Kansas City	6	2	0	.750	185	151
Denver	6	3	0	.667	214	166
San Diego	4	5	0	.444	268	247

National Conference

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Dallas	7	1	0	.875	223	140
N.Y. Giants	5	3	0	.625	161	164
Washington	4	3	1	.563	186	189
Philadelphia	4	4	0	.500	202	145
Atlanta	6	3	0	.667	305	259
New Orleans	4	4	0	.500	242	238
Tampa Bay	3	5	0	.375	180	232
Carolina	3	5	0	.375	204	206
Minnesota	5	3	0	.625	155	152
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Punts	3-32.7	4-35.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Youth served

These days, programs tend to go with younger coaches

By RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press

When searching for a new head football coach, schools have been showing a greater desire to hire an up-and-comer, like Tom Herman or P.J. Fleck, rather than a veteran with a long record of success, such as Les Miles.

The average age of the head coaches hired by FBS teams last season was 43.2 years old, the youngest in the past six years. Eight of the 26 new hires were under 40 when they accepted the job.

In 2010 and 2011, the average age of the 48 coaches hired by FBS schools was a touch over 47, including eight under the age of 40.

People in the business of hiring coaches are hesitant to call anything a trend, since each school comes to the marketplace with different needs and criteria. But the current climate favors coaches like Western Michigan's 35-year-old Fleck and Houston's 41-year-old Herman over a potential Hall of Famer such as Miles. The 62-year-old former LSU coach won 77 percent of his games and a national title in 11-plus seasons with the Tigers before being fired in September.

Potential is often more appealing to those hiring a coach than an extensive résumé.
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Western Michigan
coach P.J. Fleck
MICHAEL CONROY/AP



JOHN MINICILLO/AP

Tom Herman is considered an up-and-comer after turning around the Houston program.



Several Cubs in running for major awards

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